

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 138

WHEREAS, The celebration of University of Houston-Downtown Day at the State Capitol on February 26, 2025, provides a fitting opportunity to recognize this notable institution; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1974, the University of Houston-Downtown has built a reputation as a welcoming campus with an accessible location in the heart of Houston; the university serves more than 14,000 students annually and boasts over 71,000 alumni, and it benefits from the able leadership of its seventh president, Dr. Loren J. Blanchard; and

WHEREAS, The student body at UHD is highly representative of the vibrant Houston community; approximately 70 percent of the university's freshmen are first-generation college students, 58 percent receive Pell Grants, and 65 percent transfer from partnering community colleges; and

WHEREAS, Today, UHD offers 45 bachelor's degrees, 12 master's degrees, and 24 opportunities for online degree completion, including five graduate programs; moreover, the institution has been designated a comprehensive regional university by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, The university has four distinct academic colleges, including the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, the College of Public Service, the College of Sciences and Technology, and the Marilyn Davies College of Business; currently, UHD is working to develop the Center for Crime, Urban Research, and Education to help shape the future of public safety in Southeast Texas; and

WHEREAS, UHD ranks as one of the most affordable institutions of higher learning in the state; moreover, it maintains a commitment to civic engagement, social mobility, and economic impact in the city of Houston; and

WHEREAS, For half a century, the University of Houston-Downtown has helped area residents improve their lives and gain a greater foothold in the thriving Texas economy, and it has prepared its alumni to be leaders in their communities and beyond; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby recognize February 26, 2025, as University of Houston-Downtown Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting delegation.

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Alvarado	Cook	Middleton
Bettencourt	Flores	West
	Hinojosa of Hidalgo	

Patrick, President of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on February 26, 2025.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate