SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
WHEREAS, The University of Houston System, composed of the University of Houston, the University of Houston-Clear Lake, the University of Houston-Downtown, the University of Houston-Victoria, and its two teaching centers, the University of Houston System at Sugar Land and the University of Houston System at Cinco Ranch, is the provider of higher education services to 57,000 students in Southeast Texas and the Coastal Bend region; and

WHEREAS, The University of Houston System service area is home to a quarter of the state's population and generates almost one third of the state gross product; the system has an economic impact of more than $\$ 3$ billion for the region each year; and

WHEREAS, Over 220,000 students have graduated from the four University of Houston System institutions, a great majority of whom stay to live and work in Texas, contributing to the economic and social vitality of the state; and

WHEREAS, Several hundred University of Houston System students, members of the faculty and staff, alumni, and friends are traveling to Austin on February 20, 2007, to visit with members of the Texas Senate and the Texas House of Representatives and to express their support for higher education in Texas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby congratulate the University of Houston System community and
declare February 20, 2007, University of Houston System Day at the Capitol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be prepared for University of Houston System Chancellor and University of Houston President Jay Gogue, University of Houston-Clear Lake President William Staples, University of Houston-Downtown President Max Castillo, and University of Houston-Victoria President Tim Hudson as an expression of high regard from the Texas Legislature.

