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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Students from The University of Texas Medical Branch
2 at Galveston are visiting the State Capitol on February 5, 2013, and
3 this occasion offers a welcome opportunity to pay tribute to their
4 university's vital role in meeting the health care needs of
5 countless Texans; and

6 WHEREAS, Established in 1891 as The University of Texas
7 Medical Department, UTMB was the first academic health center to be
8 created in Texas and is among the oldest in the nation; its 84-acre
9 campus features four schools, three institutes for advanced study,
10 a comprehensive medical library, and numerous research facilities,
11 along with a network of hospitals and clinics that provide a full
12 range of primary and specialized medical care; and

13 WHEREAS, Among UTMB's many superb components is the
14 Dr. Truman Blocker Burns Treatment Center, which, along with the
15 affiliated Shriners' Hospitals for Children-Galveston, is
16 internationally recognized for its surgical training program and
17 for the quality of care for burn victims; other major health care
18 resources include the Texas Transplant Center, part of UTMB's
19 renowned Department of Surgery, and the Level 1 Trauma Center, one
20 of three such facilities in Southeast Texas and a leader in overall
21 survival and recovery rates; moreover, furthering the university's
22 research mission is the Galveston National Laboratory, the only
23 BioSafety Level IV national laboratory in Texas and one of just two
24 in the United States dedicated to the safe study of infectious

1 diseases; and

2 WHEREAS, Enrollment at UTMB is at an all-time high, with more
3 than 3,000 students registered for the 2012-2013 school year, 600
4 more than in 2008; UTMB continues to offer students an outstanding
5 education, boasting board exam scores and passing rates that exceed
6 the national average; moreover, the National Institutes of Health
7 ranked three School of Medicine departments in the top 10 among
8 grant recipients in their disciplines, and the School of Health
9 Professions was ranked ninth among its peers nationally; and

10 WHEREAS, This notable institution is likewise acclaimed for
11 its innovative curriculum, which helps to prepare students for
12 real-world challenges by training them to work as members of
13 inter-professional health care teams in learning scenarios that
14 mirror what they are likely to encounter in practice; UTMB has also
15 contributed significantly to the diversity of the medical
16 profession over the past decade, graduating more Hispanic
17 physicians than any other medical school in the country and ranking
18 among the top 10 in graduating African American physicians; and

19 WHEREAS, The faculty, staff, and students at The University
20 of Texas Medical Branch have made important advances in the field of
21 medicine while benefiting untold numbers of individuals in the
22 Galveston area and beyond, and their many worthwhile endeavors are
23 indeed deserving of special recognition; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
25 Legislature hereby welcome the delegation from The University of
26 Texas Medical Branch at Galveston and extend to them sincere best
27 wishes for an enjoyable visit to Austin.