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H.R. No. 493

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, February 21, 2017, is University of  
2 Houston--Downtown Day at the State Capitol, and the occasion  
3 provides a fitting opportunity to recognize those associated with  
4 this notable institution; and

5           WHEREAS, Established in 1974, the University of  
6 Houston--Downtown boasts more than 44,000 alumni and is meeting  
7 higher education needs in an area that is home to a quarter of the  
8 Texas population and that generates nearly a third of the state's  
9 gross product; moreover, the university has generated \$1.2 billion  
10 in income for the regional economy; and

11           WHEREAS, UHD educates approximately 14,400 students annually  
12 with over 2,900 graduates each year; the university offers 52  
13 undergraduate and graduate academic programs, as well as 18 online  
14 degree-completion opportunities; it is home to the top-ranked MBA  
15 program in Houston, and *U.S. News and World Report* placed it 31st  
16 on its list of Best Regional Colleges in the West; and

17           WHEREAS, Over the years, the university has expanded its  
18 partnerships with Houston Community College, Lone Star College, and  
19 others to allow for greater transferability for students who wish  
20 to earn degrees at UHD; and

21           WHEREAS, The student body at UHD is representative of the  
22 vibrant city of Houston; many of its scholars are first-generation  
23 college students, and the university has earned national  
24 designation as both a Hispanic Serving Institution and a Minority

1 Serving Institution; and

2 WHEREAS, Throughout its history, the University of  
3 Houston--Downtown has provided its students with outstanding  
4 educational prospects and a strong foundation for the future while  
5 fostering an inclusive, equitable, and welcoming campus  
6 environment, and in so doing, it has played an important role in the  
7 cultural and economic advancement of the Lone Star State; now,  
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby recognize February 21, 2017, as University of  
11 Houston--Downtown Day at the State Capitol and extend to the  
12 visiting delegation sincere best wishes for an informative and  
13 enjoyable stay in Austin.