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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For nearly 130 years, United Way has raised funds to  
2 support the work of relief agencies in local communities, and the  
3 celebration of United Way Day at the State Capitol offers a welcome  
4 opportunity to honor this organization for the critical role it  
5 plays in bettering the lives of countless Texans; and

6           WHEREAS, Established in 1887, United Way envisions a world  
7 where everyone has an opportunity to succeed and where entire  
8 communities thrive as a result; local affiliates build productive  
9 relationships among philanthropists, the public sector, and  
10 leaders in both the business and nonprofit communities to identify  
11 and implement solutions based on the needs in their communities;  
12 and

13           WHEREAS, Texas is home to more than 70 United Way  
14 organizations, which collectively raise some \$250 million each  
15 year; these affiliates are working on such community-driven  
16 initiatives as removing barriers to school readiness for children  
17 under the age of six, improving high school graduation rates and  
18 college readiness, developing 2-1-1 information and referrals, and  
19 helping individuals achieve financial stability; and

20           WHEREAS, By mobilizing thousands of volunteers, engaging  
21 their compassion and energy in behalf of others, and collaborating  
22 with groups that are committed to the achievement of similar goals,  
23 United Way organizations are strengthening in myriad ways the  
24 social fabric of their communities; now, therefore, be it

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1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
2 Legislature hereby recognize March 1, 2017, as United Way Day at the  
3 State Capitol and commend all those associated with United Way for  
4 their immeasurable contributions to the Lone Star State.