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H.R. No. 553

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A delegation from the University of Houston is
2 visiting Austin on March 1, 2017, in celebration of University of
3 Houston Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, The Tier One campus is located in an area that is
5 home to a quarter of the state's population and that generates
6 nearly a third of the state's gross product; the student body, one
7 of the nation's most diverse, fully reflects the rich cultural
8 tapestry of Houston, and the school is designated as both a
9 Hispanic-Serving Institution and an Asian-Serving Institution; and

10 WHEREAS, Each year, the university awards more than 8,000
11 degrees in 300 undergraduate and graduate academic programs; it now
12 can boast more than 255,000 alumni; and

13 WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of chancellor and
14 president Renu Khator, UH has received record levels of research
15 funding; it recently embarked on a \$1 billion capital campaign, and
16 it has received a \$20 million donation for the establishment of the
17 McGovern College of the Arts and \$20 million for construction of the
18 Fertitta Center Basketball Arena; moreover, it has been recognized
19 as a top institution in spurring the upward mobility of low-income
20 students; and

21 WHEREAS, The university has been awarded a Phi Beta Kappa
22 chapter; it has a tradition of excellence in athletics as well, with
23 a nationally ranked Cougar football team, an NCAA-record 16
24 national golf titles, and the legendary Phi Slama Jama basketball

1 dynasty; additionally, Olympians Carl Lewis and Leroy Burrell
2 attended the school; and

3 WHEREAS, For nine decades, the University of Houston has
4 provided students with an outstanding education that builds a
5 strong foundation for success, and in so doing, it has contributed
6 significantly to the economic vitality of the Lone Star State; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
9 Legislature hereby recognize March 1, 2017, as University of
10 Houston Day at the State Capitol and extend to all participants
11 sincere best wishes for an informative and enjoyable visit.