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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The UTeach program at The University of Texas at
2 Austin is celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2017; and

3 WHEREAS, A collaboration between the university's Colleges
4 of Education and Natural Sciences, UTeach was established in 1997
5 as an innovative method of recruiting undergraduate students to
6 teach science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; the
7 program addresses the critical need for secondary school teachers
8 with a deep knowledge of STEM fields, and UTeach students earn
9 degrees in their content areas along with teaching certification
10 within four years; and

11 WHEREAS, One of the top five programs of its kind in the
12 country, UTeach reaches future educators through its original
13 secondary teacher preparation program as well as through its
14 primary education initiative, service learning classes, and
15 monthly seminars; the program has been replicated at more than 40
16 universities in the United States, with nearly 7,000 students
17 currently enrolled in UTeach programs across the nation; and

18 WHEREAS, Today, graduates are providing a solid foundation in
19 STEM subjects to more than 1.5 million secondary students in Texas
20 and beyond, and 86 percent of the program's alumni have continued to
21 teach for at least five years; and

22 WHEREAS, UTeach has helped foster a generation of educators
23 who understand the importance of STEM education in maintaining a
24 competitive economy and creating the next generation of innovators,

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1 and the program is indeed deserving of recognition; now, therefore,
2 be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
4 Legislature hereby commemorate the 20th anniversary of UTeach and
5 extend to all those associated with the program sincere best wishes
6 for continued success.