

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 305

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, The university has been awarded a Phi Beta Kappa chapter; it has a tradition of excellence in athletics as well, with a nationally ranked Cougar football team, an NCAA-record 16 national golf titles, and the legendary Phi Slama Jama basketball dynasty; additionally, Olympians Carl Lewis and Leroy Burrell attended the school; and

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

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

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 1, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate