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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Representatives of the Houston Area Urban League are
2 visiting the State Capitol on February 5, 2019, and the event
3 provides a fitting opportunity to pay tribute to the vital work of
4 this notable organization; and

5 WHEREAS, Founded in 1968, the Houston Area Urban League
6 (HAUL) is affiliated with the National Urban League, which is the
7 nation's oldest and largest community-based movement dedicated to
8 empowering African Americans, both socially and economically; and

9 WHEREAS, HAUL advocates for people of all races, genders,
10 ages, and disabilities in economically disadvantaged areas of
11 metropolitan Houston; through its Education and Youth Development
12 program, it administers workshops in literacy, college readiness,
13 and career planning, as well as a STEM academy, while its Workforce
14 Development Services program includes assistance in applying and
15 interviewing for jobs; and

16 WHEREAS, The Workforce Training program features instruction
17 in the skills necessary for construction and information technology
18 jobs, the Housing Program offers classes in financial education and
19 buying a home, and the Health and Wellness Initiative maintains an
20 insurance assistance call center; in addition to these programs,
21 HAUL also operates the Houston Economic Empowerment Center, which
22 is dedicated to advising and supporting minority entrepreneurs; and

23 WHEREAS, With an enduring commitment to civil rights, social
24 justice, and economic progress, the Houston Area Urban League is

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1 making a lasting, positive impact on the community, and its
2 endeavors with regard to education, employment readiness,
3 wellness, and affordable housing are greatly benefiting
4 innumerable Texans; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
6 Legislature hereby designate February 5, 2019, as Houston Area
7 Urban League Day at the State Capitol and extend to the participants
8 sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable visit to Austin.