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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Students, faculty, staff, alumni, administrators,
2 and members of the board of regents from the University of Houston
3 are visiting Austin on February 12, 2019, to participate in
4 University of Houston Day at the State Capitol; and

5 WHEREAS, The Tier One campus is located in the nation's
6 fourth largest city, within a region that is home to a quarter of
7 the state's population and that generates nearly a third of the
8 state's gross product; the student body, numbering more than
9 46,000, including many first-generation college students, mirrors
10 the rich cultural tapestry of Houston; and

11 WHEREAS, Each year, the university awards more than 10,000
12 degrees in 261 undergraduate and graduate academic programs; it now
13 counts more than 285,000 alumni, many of whom stay in Texas, where
14 they contribute to the success of our communities and our state; and

15 WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of chancellor and
16 president Renu Khator, UH launched a \$1 billion system-wide
17 fund-raising campaign that is close to reaching its goal, fueled in
18 part by gifts such as the one that will cover tuition for the entire
19 inaugural class of the new UH College of Medicine, whose focus is to
20 prepare doctors to serve in the state's underserved communities;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, The university is home to 5 nationally funded
23 research centers and 25 university research centers and institutes,
24 and had \$177.7 million in research expenditures last year, mainly

1 in the critical areas of cyber and national security, drug
2 discovery and development, sustainable communities and
3 infrastructure, and accessible health care; and

4 WHEREAS, For more than nine decades, the University of
5 Houston has contributed significantly to creating generation after
6 generation of productive and responsible citizens; now, therefore,
7 be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
9 Legislature hereby recognize February 12, 2019, 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.