## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy students from across the state are gathering in Austin on February 26, 2019, in celebration of Texas Pharmacy Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, The pharmacy profession has a distinguished history in Texas stretching back to the 17 th century, when Spanish explorers and missionaries dispensed medicines and learned about Native American remedies; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the health and well-being of the public, pharmacists ensure that customers receive the proper medications and provide invaluable advice; pharmacists today serve as the primary point of contact with the health care system for more than 62 million Americans, and they play an increasingly important role in counseling patients on the safe and effective use of prescription medications; and

WHEREAS, Pharmacists work to provide affordable, lifesaving medications in rural areas across Texas and the United States; these valued members of the community live and work alongside patients as neighbors, friends, and community leaders in addition to their role as medical providers; such lasting relationships build trust and confidence, making pharmacists better able to serve as a resource when questions and concerns arise; and

WHEREAS, Champions on the front lines of health care, pharmacists contribute immeasurably to the quality of life in their
communities, and it is truly a pleasure to recognize members of this key profession for their commitment to strengthening the health care system in the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby recognize February 26, 2019, as Texas Pharmacy Day at the State Capitol and extend to all those participating sincere best wishes for an informative and enjoyable event.

