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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The celebration of University of Houston-Downtown
2 Day at the State Capitol on March 8, 2023, provides a fitting
3 opportunity to recognize this notable institution; and

4 WHEREAS, Established in 1974, the University of
5 Houston-Downtown has built a reputation as an inclusive, equitable,
6 and welcoming campus; with an accessible location at the heart of
7 downtown Houston, it serves a student body highly representative of
8 the vibrant community; many of the more than 14,000 Texans enrolled
9 are transfer students or older adults returning to complete
10 degrees; and

11 WHEREAS, *The Wall Street Journal* has named UHD the most
12 diverse school in the South; seventy percent of freshmen are
13 first-generation college students, and the university is federally
14 designated as a Hispanic-Serving Institution, a Minority-Serving
15 Institution, and a Military-Friendly School; and

16 WHEREAS, Led by its seventh president, Dr. Loren
17 J. Blanchard, UHD offers 57 undergraduate and graduate degrees,
18 with 19 opportunities for online degree completion; two of the
19 programs are ranked among the nation's best by *U.S. News & World*
20 *Report*; the institution is acknowledged under the Carnegie
21 Classification system as a comprehensive, regional university and
22 has four colleges, Humanities and Social Sciences, Public Service,
23 Sciences and Technology, and the Marilyn Davies College of
24 Business, which houses the largest MBA program in the area; over the

1 years, UHD has built strong business and industry partnerships, and
2 it is developing as an innovation hub for undergraduate researchers
3 and entrepreneurs; and

4 WHEREAS, The university ranks as one of the most affordable
5 institutions of higher learning in the state; while providing
6 scholars with a strong academic foundation, it fosters timely
7 progress through degree programs so that graduates may enter their
8 chosen fields as swiftly as possible with low student debt; UHD is
9 also committed to civic engagement and encourages a culture of
10 caring; and

11 WHEREAS, For nearly a half century, the University of
12 Houston-Downtown has helped area residents improve their lives and
13 gain a greater foothold in the thriving Texas economy, and it has
14 prepared its alumni to be leaders in their communities and beyond;
15 now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
17 Legislature hereby recognize March 8, 2023, as University of
18 Houston-Downtown Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome
19 to the visiting delegation.