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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, University of Houston-Clear Lake Day is being
2 celebrated at the State Capitol on March 7, 2023, and this occasion
3 provides a fitting opportunity to pay tribute to all those
4 associated with this notable institution; and

5 WHEREAS, UHCL traces its beginning to 1971, when the 62nd
6 Texas Legislature authorized the creation of a University of
7 Houston campus to serve the Clear Lake area; in 1974, construction
8 began on the Bayou Building while more than 1,000 students and 60
9 faculty members began holding classes at an off-site location; the
10 institution's educational mission has continued to expand through
11 the years; in 2006, UHCL began offering the joint master of
12 healthcare administration/master of business administration degree
13 program at the Texas Medical Center, and in 2010, the Pearland
14 Campus was opened; UHCL welcomed its first freshman and sophomore
15 students to campus in 2014; and

16 WHEREAS, A four-year university, UHCL enrolls more than 8,500
17 students annually and offers over 70 undergraduate and 50 graduate
18 degrees in its Colleges of Business, Education, Human Sciences and
19 Humanities, and Science and Engineering; since 2007, the university
20 has initiated doctoral programs in educational leadership,
21 curriculum and instruction, and health service psychology; the
22 school's 75,000 alumni include more than 400 CEOs and 10
23 astronauts, as well as individuals who have distinguished
24 themselves in the fields of education, broadcasting, fiction

1 writing, and a vast range of other endeavors; and

2 WHEREAS, Reflecting its commitment to community service,
3 UHCL is home to many specialized centers and institutes, including
4 the Health and Human Performance Institute, the Environmental
5 Institute of Houston, the Diplomacy Institute, the Institute for
6 Human and Planetary Sustainability, and the Center for Autism and
7 Developmental Disabilities; the university has been cited five
8 times on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor
9 Roll for its exemplary civic engagement; and

10 WHEREAS, Throughout its history, the University of
11 Houston-Clear Lake has fostered a diverse and inclusive campus
12 environment while providing students with a strong foundation for
13 success, and in so doing, it has become a cornerstone educational
14 institution in the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
16 hereby recognize March 7, 2023, as University of Houston-Clear Lake
17 Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the school's
18 visiting delegation.