

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 11, 2025, to participate in  
4 University of Houston Day at the State Capitol; and

5           WHEREAS, The Tier One university is located in the nation's  
6 fourth-largest city, and it serves students at instructional sites  
7 in Sugar Land and Katy as well as at the UH Technology Bridge; the  
8 institution is located within a region that is home to a quarter of  
9 the state's population and that generates nearly a third of the  
10 state's gross product; the student body, numbering more than  
11 46,600, including many first-generation college students, mirrors  
12 the rich cultural tapestry of Houston; and

13           WHEREAS, Each year, the university awards over 11,000 degrees  
14 in 281 undergraduate and graduate academic programs; it now counts  
15 more than 332,900 alumni, many of whom stay in Texas, where they  
16 contribute to the success of our communities and state; and

17           WHEREAS, In the 17th year under the leadership of president  
18 Renu Khator, the University of Houston has set its sights on being  
19 ranked among our country's top 50 public universities, which will  
20 be achieved as a result of rapidly improving graduation rates, the  
21 ability to improve the social mobility of its students, and the  
22 recognition of the research excellence of its faculty; and

23           WHEREAS, The Tilman J. Fertitta Family College of Medicine,  
24 established after the passage of H.B. 826 during the 86th Texas

1 Legislative Session, was founded on a social mission to improve  
2 health in underserved communities in Houston and across Texas; the  
3 college emphasizes the importance primary care plays in the health  
4 of all Texans, especially in urban and rural communities, and in  
5 four years, it has already graduated its first class of doctors and  
6 has a current enrollment of 210 students; and

7 WHEREAS, The University of Houston is helping to improve the  
8 health of Texans, with one in four UH students enrolled in a  
9 health-related program; the university provides 450,000 hours of  
10 patient care in clinical and community settings annually in a  
11 variety of fields across Texas, and 85 percent of its graduates in  
12 health-related fields are employed in Texas; and

13 WHEREAS, The university is home to 12 nationally funded  
14 research centers and 27 university research centers and institutes,  
15 and it has spent over \$230 million in research expenditures  
16 annually, mainly in the critical areas of cyber- and national  
17 security, drug discovery and development, sustainable communities  
18 and infrastructure, and accessible health care; and

19 WHEREAS, The University of Houston athletics competes in 17  
20 different sports with more than 400 student-athletes; several of  
21 the athletic teams have represented the university on the national  
22 stage, including the Cougar men's basketball team led by head coach  
23 Kelvin Sampson that has advanced to five NCAA Sweet Sixteen  
24 tournaments in a row; following in the footsteps of the previous  
25 year's team, the 2023-2024 team earned a No. 1 ranking in the  
26 country, generating nationwide support and excitement similar to  
27 the Phi Slama Jama era in the early 1980s; beginning in the summer

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1 of 2023, Houston now competes in a Power 5 conference after its  
2 acceptance to join the Big 12 Conference; and

3 WHEREAS, For nearly a century, the University of Houston has  
4 contributed significantly to creating generation after generation  
5 of productive and responsible citizens; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby recognize February 11, 2025, as University of  
8 Houston Day at the State Capitol and extend to all participants  
9 sincere best wishes for an informative and enjoyable visit.

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Jones of Harris  
Simmons  
Morales of Harris

Burrows	Guerra	Morales Shaw
Alders	Guillen	Morgan
Allen	Harless	Muñoz
Anchía	Harris	Noble
Ashby	Harris Davila	Olcott
Barry	Harrison	Oliverson
Bell of Kaufman	Hayes	Ordaz
Bell of Montgomery	Hefner	Orr
Bernal	Hernandez	Patterson
Bhojani	Hickland	Paul
Bonnen	Hinojosa	Perez of El Paso
Bowers	Holt	Perez of Harris
Bryant	Hopper	Phelan
Buckley	Howard	Pierson
Bucy	Hull	Plesa
Bumgarner	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Cain	Johnson	Richardson
Campos	Jones of Dallas	Rodríguez Ramos
Canales	Jones of Harris	Romero
Capriglione	Kerwin	Rose
Cole	King	Rosenthal
Collier	Kitzman	Schatzline
Cook	LaHood	Schofield
Cortez	Lalani	Schoolcraft
Craddick	Lambert	Shaheen
Cunningham	Landgraf	Shofner
Curry	Leach	Simmons
Darby	Leo Wilson	Slawson
A. Davis of Dallas	Little	Smithee
Y. Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Spiller
Dean	Lopez of Bexar	Swanson
DeAyala	Lopez of Cameron	Talarico
Dorazio	Louderback	Tepper
Dutton	Lowe	Thompson
Dyson	Lozano	Tinderholt
Fairly	Lujan	Toth
Flores	Luther	Troxclair
Frank	Manuel	Turner
Gámez	Martinez	VanDeaver
Garcia of Bexar	Martinez Fischer	Vasut
Garcia of Dallas	McLaughlin	Villalobos
Garcia Hernandez	McQueeney	Virdell
Gates	Metcalf	Vo
Gerdes	Meyer	Walle
Geren	Meza	Ward Johnson
Gervin-Hawkins	Money	Wharton
González of Dallas	Moody	Wilson
González of El Paso	Morales of Harris	Wu
Goodwin	Morales of Maverick	Zwiener

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 141 was adopted by the House on February 11, 2025, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House