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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 February 26, 2025, 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 a welcoming campus with
6 an accessible location in the heart of Houston; the university
7 serves more than 14,000 students annually and boasts over 71,000
8 alumni, and it benefits from the able leadership of its seventh
9 president, Dr. Loren J. Blanchard; and

10 WHEREAS, The student body at UHD is highly representative of
11 the vibrant Houston community; approximately 70 percent of the
12 university's freshmen are first-generation college students,
13 58 percent receive Pell Grants, and 65 percent transfer from
14 partnering community colleges; and

15 WHEREAS, Today, UHD offers 45 bachelor's degrees, 12 master's
16 degrees, and 24 opportunities for online degree completion,
17 including five graduate programs; moreover, the institution has
18 been designated a comprehensive regional university by the Carnegie
19 Classification of Institutions of Higher Education; and

20 WHEREAS, The university has four distinct academic colleges,
21 including the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, the
22 College of Public Service, the College of Sciences and Technology,
23 and the Marilyn Davies College of Business; currently, UHD is
24 working to develop the Center for Crime, Urban Research, and

1 Education to help shape the future of public safety in Southeast
2 Texas; and

3 WHEREAS, UHD ranks as one of the most affordable institutions
4 of higher learning in the state; moreover, it maintains a
5 commitment to civic engagement, social mobility, and economic
6 impact in the city of Houston; and

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

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize February 26, 2025, as University of
14 Houston-Downtown Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome
15 to the visiting delegation.