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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, University of Houston-Clear Lake Day is being 2 celebrated at the State Capitol on March 5, 2025, and this occasion provides a fitting opportunity to pay tribute to all those 3 associated with this notable institution; and 4 5 WHEREAS, UHCL traces its beginning to 1971, when the 62nd Texas Legislature authorized the creation of a University of 6 7 Houston campus to serve the Clear Lake area; in 1974, construction began on the Bayou Building while more than 1,000 students and 60 8 9 faculty members began holding classes at an off-site location; the institution's educational mission has continued to expand through 10 11 the years; in 2006, UHCL began offering the joint master of health 12 care administration/master of business administration degree program at the Texas Medical Center, and in 2010, the Pearland 13 14 Campus was opened; UHCL welcomed its first freshman and sophomore students to campus in 2014; the school marked its 50th anniversary 15 16 in 2024, celebrating its proven legacy of academic excellence, innovation, and community impact; and 17 18 WHEREAS, A four-year university, UHCL enrolls more than 8,100 students annually and offers 43 undergraduate, 49 graduate, and 3 19 20 doctoral degrees across its Colleges of Business, Education, Human 21 Sciences and Humanities, and Science and Engineering; since 2007, the university has initiated doctoral programs in educational 22 23 leadership, curriculum and instruction, and health service

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psychology, and it has announced plans to begin offering a

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- 1 bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering in fall 2025, further
- 2 strengthening its role as a leader in STEM education and workforce
- 3 development; the school's over 81,000 alumni include more than 400
- 4 CEOs and 10 astronauts, as well as individuals who have
- 5 distinguished themselves as leaders in the fields of education,
- 6 broadcasting, fiction writing, and a vast range of other endeavors;
- 7 and
- 8 WHEREAS, Reflecting its commitment to community service,
- 9 UHCL is home to many specialized centers and institutes, including
- 10 the Health and Human Performance Institute, the Environmental
- 11 Institute of Houston, and the Center for Autism and Developmental
- 12 Disabilities; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Throughout its history, the University of
- 14 Houston-Clear Lake has cultivated a welcoming and supportive campus
- 15 environment while providing students with a strong foundation for
- 16 success, and in so doing, it has become a cornerstone educational
- 17 institution in the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it
- 18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
- 19 Legislature hereby recognize March 5, 2025, as University of
- 20 Houston-Clear Lake Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm
- 21 welcome to the school's visiting delegation.