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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The inaugural cohort of The University of Texas
2 System Texas Legislative Fellowship Program have ably served their
3 fellow Texans during the 89th Legislative Session; and

4 WHEREAS, Established by the UT System Board of Regents in
5 2024, this remarkable initiative fosters civic engagement and
6 public service among students from across the UT System through
7 full-time internships during the legislative session; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2025, the program welcomed its first cohort of 40
9 students, who have contributed meaningfully to the work of the
10 Texas Legislature and state government, gaining firsthand
11 experience in policymaking, legislative research, constituent
12 services, and the day-to-day operations of state offices; the
13 students in the inaugural cohort are:

14 • Dane Adams, serving in the office of Governor Greg
15 Abbott

16 • Isais Almonte, serving in the office of State Senator
17 Charles Schwertner

18 • Madison Alvarez, serving in the office of State
19 Representative Trey Martinez Fischer

20 • Stephany Rae Bauer, serving in the office of State
21 Senator Judith Zaffirini

22 • Emily Betancourt, serving in the office of State
23 Representative Eddie Morales Jr.

24 • Trent Bush, serving in the office of State

Representative Todd Hunter

● Jordyn Dillard, serving in the office of State Representative Salman Bhojani

● Michelle Elele, serving in the office of State Representative Rhetta Andrews Bowers

● Marissa Nicole Equiniones, serving in the office of Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick

● Jonah C. Espinoza, serving in the office of the House Parliamentarian

● Julia Heck, serving in the office of State Senator Judith Zaffirini

● Ethan Hernandez, serving in the office of State Senator José Menéndez

● Brett Khanh Jacobsen, serving with the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

● Jeremiah Joseph, serving in the office of State Senator Royce West

● Aswa Kamal, serving in the office of State Representative Josey Garcia

● Miguel Koch, serving in the office of State Senator Robert Nichols

● Rujul Kulkarni, serving in the office of State Senator Nathan Johnson

● Madison Lindsey, serving in the office of State Senator Royce West

● Sophia Lopez, serving in the office of Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick

- 1 ● Shawn Maki, serving in the office of State
2 Representative Erin Zwiener
- 3 ● Dua Sattar Manganhar, serving in the office of State
4 Representative Erin Elizabeth Gámez
- 5 ● Dylan Lee Miles, serving with the Senate Committee on
6 Education K-16
- 7 ● Matthew Allen Moses, serving in the office of State
8 Senator Bob Hall
- 9 ● Param Naik, serving in the office of State
10 Representative Angie Chen Button
- 11 ● Hasti Patel, serving in the office of State Senator
12 Royce West
- 13 ● Bianca Vanessa Perez, serving in the office of State
14 Senator César J. Blanco
- 15 ● Leslie Puentes, serving in the office of State
16 Representative Salman Bhojani
- 17 ● Ricky Ramos, serving in the office of the House
18 Sergeant-at-Arms
- 19 ● Maia Oralia Rodriguez, serving in the office of State
20 Representative Trent Ashby
- 21 ● Heer Shah, serving in the office of State
22 Representative Mihaela E. Plesa
- 23 ● Sydney Marie Shifflett, serving in the office of
24 State Representative Joanne Shofner
- 25 ● Matthew Wilson Stafford, serving in the office of
26 State Representative John Lujan
- 27 ● Nathan Sullivan, serving in the office of State

Representative Chris Turner

- Yaseen Tasnif, serving in the office of State Representative Erin Zwiener

- Maddy Terry, serving in the office of State Representative Ryan Guillen

- Kayla Trujillo, serving with the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

- Emiliano Valenzuela, serving with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

- Fiona Greer Valorz, serving with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

- Tommy Wan, serving in the office of State Senator Nathan Johnson

- Tariq Wrensford, serving in the office of State Representative Ron Reynolds; and

WHEREAS, These outstanding fellows represent all nine academic institutions within the UT System, as well as The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, and they have demonstrated exceptional dedication, professionalism, and commitment to public service throughout the 89th Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, By performing their duties with skill and dedication, these noteworthy Texans have set a strong foundation for future participants, and it is a pleasure to join in honoring the members of the inaugural cohort as well as The UT System Board of Regents and all those who helped bring the program to fruition; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
2 Legislature hereby commend the members of the inaugural cohort of
3 The University of Texas System Texas Legislative Fellowship Program
4 for their remarkable service during the 89th Legislative Session
5 and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued success as they
6 prepare to become the future leaders of the Lone Star State; and, be
7 it further

8 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared
9 for the program's participants as an expression of high regard by
10 the Texas House of Representatives.