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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Texas State Aquarium Day is taking place at the
2 State Capitol on March 5, 2025; and

3 WHEREAS, A private, nonprofit organization located in Corpus
4 Christi, the Texas State Aquarium is a popular tourist destination
5 that has helped to build the state's reputation as a national leader
6 in wildlife resiliency and environmental education; in 2023, the
7 institution contributed \$195 million to the state's economy while
8 supporting a workforce of more than 1,300 employees; and

9 WHEREAS, The Texas State Aquarium works to advance wildlife
10 conservation through its Wildlife Rescue Center, which has emerged
11 as the largest coastal wildlife rescue facility in Texas and one of
12 the largest in the United States; to date, the center has
13 rehabilitated and returned more than 5,000 land and sea animals to
14 their natural habitats; in addition, the aquarium partners with
15 multiple state and federal agencies to monitor and manage emergency
16 wildlife response activities, and it features the nation's only
17 emergency operations center dedicated to wildlife disaster
18 preparedness, response, and recovery; and

19 WHEREAS, The Texas State Aquarium's workforce development
20 programs have provided educational opportunities to more than 5,100
21 students, helping to equip the next generation of conservationists
22 and professionals with the skills they need to become leaders in
23 their fields; and

24 WHEREAS, By encouraging Texans to appreciate the beauty,

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1 diversity, and vulnerability of marine life, the Texas State
2 Aquarium is making a significant contribution to the Lone Star
3 State, and all those associated with this exemplary institution are
4 indeed deserving of special recognition for their dedication to
5 environmental stewardship; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
7 Legislature hereby recognize March 5, 2025, as Texas State Aquarium
8 Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting
9 delegation.