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### LOT PARTY REWARDS STUDENT PARKERS IN ERP LOT

Houston, October 16, 2009 – This Thursday, University Services is hosting an ERP Lot Party, complete with coffee, pastries, and t-shirts to reward those students commuting to UH for taking advantage of this space.

Ample parking is provided at UH Energy Research Park for students commuting to campus, and the University of Houston wants to ensure that students are aware of this availability.

Instead of circling the limited spaces in lots on campus, students can simply drive to the ERP lot and take the Cougar Line shuttle directly to the UC.

“The ERP lot is a convenient and practical alternative to parking on campus. The parking lot is absolutely free and you do not need a permit to park”, said University Services Financial Analyst Alpa Vaghani.

On Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, a Lot Party will provide coffee and pastries to the first 100 students who park at ERP from 7 to 10 a.m.

The availability of this lot is an exciting development for parking at UH. “We hope the campus community will utilize this lot more”, said Vaghani, “as it has up to 500 parking spaces and will help ease some of the traffic congestion and parking challenges on the main campus.”

This event will provide a fun way to inform students commuting to the University of Houston about the parking options available to them. “This parking lot party is one of the creative solutions that we have developed in response to this semester’s parking shortage”, said Emily Messa, Assistant VP for University Services, “We are showcasing an underutilized lot and providing an additional incentive to use this parking lot.”

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