University of Houston— University Park Faculty Senate 4800 Calhoun Road Houston, Texas 77004 713.749.2817

September 15, 1986

Grover Campbell Vice Chancellor, Governmental Relations University of Houston System 4600 Gulf Freeway, Suite 500 Houston, Texas 77023

Dear Grover:

Enclosed for your information is a copy of a letter and Faculty Senate Resolution that has been sent to all state legislators. We hope that it may help universities in the Second Special Session.

Sincexely,

Alex Ignatiev,

President

Faculty Senate

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September 12, 1986

The Honorable Kent Caperton Texas Senate P.O. Box 12068 - Capitol Station Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Senator Caperton:

Enclosed is a copy of a recent Resolution passed by the Faculty Senate of the University of Houston-University Park concerning proposed major cuts in higher education in the State of Texas. Strong universities are a major guarantee for strong, diversified growth for the State of Texas. We urge you to avert the crippling effect of severe budget cuts on the future of our universities and our state by enacting revenue enhancing legislation in the Second Special Session of the Legislature.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alex Ignatiev,

President

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RESOLUTION OF THE FACULTY SENATE

SEPTEMBER 3, 1986

- WHEREAS, An investment in higher education is critical to the longterm economic diversification and growth in Texas; and
- WHEREAS, Texas has not kept pace with other states in supporting higher education over the past several years; and
- WHEREAS, Major cuts in academic programs at the University of Houston-University Park have been made prior to the recent state financial crisis; and
- WHEREAS, Any additional cuts are likely to have drastic longterm consequences in the recruitment and retention of the most productive scholars, the program offerings of the University, the continuation of summer operations, and the ability to compete for outstanding graduate and undergraduate students; and
- WHEREAS, Decisions of the next six months may affect the future of higher education in Texas, in general, and the University Park campus, in particular; therefore,
- BE IT RESOLVED, That the Faculty Senate of the University of Houston-University Park urges the Texas State Legislature and the Governor to give the highest priority to raising the revenues necessary for the maintenance and growth of research-oriented, higher education in Texas.