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### **Letter in Support of Undergraduate Research Day 2023**

Welcome Researchers!

On behalf of the Texas House of Representatives, I want to offer a warm welcome to each of you to the 2023 Texas Undergraduate Research Day. We are honored to recognize your hard work and showcase the outstanding contributions in undergraduate research and the effect it has on our state's workforce, economic development and driving innovation. I would be remiss if I did not also recognize the efforts of all of the faculty who spend countless hours as mentors and teachers training the next generation of scholars. We thank you for your selflessness and commitment to academia and world-class research.

Research is essential to advancing society, strengthening the economy, driving innovation, and addressing the challenging problems we face as a people, state, and nation. It's through research, scholarship, and discovery that we learn about our history and ourselves, understand the present context in which we live, and plan for and secure our future. You are the future leaders of our State and the experience you have gained from your work will be invaluable as you embark on your career.

We are honored to recognize your hard work and talent. I congratulate each of you today on your accomplishments and look forward to your future successes and achievements!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Kuempel".

John Kuempel