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Senator Joan Huffman

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Senator Joan Huffman Files Senate Bill 19 and Senate Joint Resolution 5 to Create the Texas University Fund

AUSTIN — Today, Senator Joan Huffman filed Senate Bill 19 and Senate Joint Resolution 5, which if passed into law and approved by the voters, will create the Texas University Fund. This multi-billion-dollar endowment fund will support four Texas universities to achieve national prominence as major research institutions.

“Higher education is crucial to the success of our state, and the Texas University Fund represents a significant investment in the future of our economy and workforce,” Huffman said. “By providing additional resources to these universities, we can ensure that our students have access to the best possible education, which will help the State of Texas continue to be a force in the global marketplace for generations to come.”

The eligible institutions for the Texas University Fund include Texas Tech University, the University of Houston, Texas State University, and the University of North Texas. Supporting these universities will help make Texas the premier location for higher education in the world, and the endowment will support them in perpetuity to achieve that goal.

The creation of the Texas University Fund is a direct result of the state's historic budget surplus, and further demonstrates Senator Huffman’s commitment to investing in the future of Texas.

(Senator Joan Huffman represents District 17, which is comprised of Colorado, Jackson, Matagorda, and Wharton County and portions of Brazoria, Ft. Bend, Harris, and Waller County. Huffman currently serves as Chair of the Senate Committee on Finance, Chair of the Senate Special Committee on Redistricting, as a senior member of the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice and the Legislative Budget Board.)

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