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# University Bill in support of International Mother Language Day Task Force

Whereas, UH is the second most diverse university in the nation; and

Whereas, UH has a growing International Student population; and

Whereas, there is a lack of traditional cultural programming at UH; and

**Whereas**, a task force was initiated and co-lead by 52<sup>nd</sup> administration of Student Government Association along with Council of Ethnic Organization, Center for Diversity and Inclusion, International Students Organization and Bangladeshi Students Association; and

Whereas, collaboration among several departments and organizations bring the community closer and has the ability to reach out to a wider audience; and

Whereas, International Mother Language Day will help create unity in diversity and international understanding, through multilingualism and multiculturalism.

Whereas, the 49<sup>th</sup> Administration of University of Houston SGA enacted to recognize February 21st as International Mother Language Day at the University of Houston starting from 2013 and also encouraged fee funded organizations to host cultural programs in order to promote International Mother Language Day;

Whereas, International Mother Language Day has been celebrated the past 3 years at University of Houston.

Therefore, be it enacted by the Senate of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Student Government Association of the University of Houston:

**That**, International Mother Language Day Task Force gets recognized as an official University of Houston Task Force;

And also be it further enacted that, University of Houston supports the Task Force and its goals to promote diversity through unity.

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