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## **PRESS STATEMENT**

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### Chairman Coleman on New University of Houston Partnership

AUSTIN—Today, Wednesday, March 29, 2017 Chairman Garnet Coleman (D-Houston) introduced House Resolution 1164, which recognizes and honors the newly established partnership between the University of Houston and the United Health Foundation, known as Preventing and Treating Obesity in Underserved Communities in Houston, or TOUCH. House Resolution 1164 was subsequently passed this morning on the House floor.

The TOUCH partnership aims to reduce obesity and improve access to healthy foods for underserved populations in Houston. The \$2 million grant will assist those in the Historic Third Ward and East End communities, areas that include the center of Houston's African-American population and home to two of Houston's oldest Hispanic neighborhoods. The goal of the initiative is to improve the lives of nearly 5,000 residents and 3,000 families in Houston over the next three years.

Chairman Coleman released the following statement:

*"As a Representative and resident of Houston's Historic Third Ward, I am proud of the initiative displayed by the University of Houston and the United Health Foundation in strengthening and improving our local community. I look forward to the development of this partnership and the positive impact it will bring to our neighborhoods that have the greatest need."*

Chairman Coleman is available for comment.

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