

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 449

WHEREAS, Former state representative Glenn O. Lewis of Fort Worth was elected chair of the Texas Wesleyan University Board of Trustees on April 23, 2021, becoming the first African American in the university's history to hold the position; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis graduated with a bachelor's degree from Texas Wesleyan University in 1981, before earning his juris doctor degree from The University of Texas School of Law in Austin in 1983; he is currently a partner in the Fort Worth office of the national law firm Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP; and

WHEREAS, In January 1995, Mr. Lewis embarked on the first of five terms in the Texas House of Representatives; during his 10 years in office, he served as chair of the Committee on County Affairs and vice chair of the Committee on House Administration, as well as vice chair of both the Tarrant County Legislative Delegation and the Texas Legislative Black Caucus; and

WHEREAS, After concluding his tenure in the state legislature, Mr. Lewis was appointed to both the Texas Southern University Board of Regents and the Texas Wesleyan University Board of Trustees in 2007; over the years, he has distinguished himself in numerous other leadership roles, including as chair of the board of the Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce and as a member of the Corporate Leadership Council of the Greater Arlington Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis has further shared his time and insight as a board member for the Fort Worth Tarrant County Branch of the NAACP, the Arts Council of Fort Worth, Water from the Rock, Inc., and the Tarrant County Medical Education and Research Foundation, as well as a member of the United Way of Tarrant County's Public Policy Committee; moreover, he has held membership in the Fort Worth and Fort Worth Hispanic Chambers of Commerce, along with Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Rainbow Masonic Lodge, and the Ambassadors of Fort Worth Charitable Foundation; he and his family belong to Mount Olive Baptist Church in Arlington, where he has volunteered on the deacon and usher boards; and

WHEREAS, Through his myriad endeavors in behalf of his community, his state, and the cause of higher education, Glenn Lewis has indeed earned the confidence of his fellow trustees at Texas Wesleyan University, and that institution is certain to benefit greatly from his continued service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby congratulate Glenn O. Lewis on being elected chair of the Texas Wesleyan University Board of Trustees and extend to him sincere best wishes for a successful tenure; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mr. Lewis as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Powell

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 20, 2021.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate