

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 74

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Dr. Dwight J. Fennell for his distinguished record in the field of higher education and to congratulate him on being named president of Paul Quinn College in Dallas; and

WHEREAS, Selected as president by a unanimous vote of the college's board of trustees, Dr. Fennell will be inaugurated on October 17, 2003; upon joining the college in 1998, Dr. Fennell served as its provost and was named interim president last year; under his leadership, the college has had phenomenal growth, the retention of students has increased, and the operational budget has remained on firm ground; and

WHEREAS, A native of Miami, Florida, Dwight Fennell earned a bachelor's degree in history and government at Saint Augustine's College in Raleigh, North Carolina, a master's degree in history at Atlanta University, and a second master's degree in education at Florida International University in Miami; and

WHEREAS, He earned doctoral degrees in philosophy and education from Florida State University in Tallahassee and began his career in higher education at Florida International University; and

WHEREAS, After Dr. Fennell left the state university system of Florida, he taught at Morris Brown College in Atlanta and later at Saint Augustine's College in Raleigh; a tenured professor of history and education, he also served as the college's vice president for academic affairs for seven years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fennell has been a positive influence on the lives of the students and faculty of Paul Quinn College, and his superior leadership as president will undoubtedly be a positive asset to the future of the institution; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend Dr. Dwight J. Fennell for his outstanding achievements in education and extend to him congratulations on being named 32nd president of Paul Quinn College; and, be it further

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

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on September 29, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate