

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 74

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Texas Southern University and to proclaim February 2, 2005, Texas Southern University Day at the Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Established by the Texas Legislature on March 3, 1947, Texas Southern University offers degrees in an array of programs, including pharmacy, business administration, public affairs, arts and sciences, journalism, law, and additional fields of specialization; and

WHEREAS, Texas Southern University opens doors of opportunity and academic excellence to a multitude of students from diverse socioeconomic, cultural, and racial backgrounds and from throughout the state and nation; more than 50 nations are represented in the student body; and

WHEREAS, The school is proud to have conferred degrees to many individuals who have gone on to become outstanding public servants; for example, three Texas Southern University graduates have been elected to the United States Congress--the late Honorable Barbara Jordan, the late Honorable George "Mickey" Leland, and the Honorable Craig Washington; and

WHEREAS, Texas Southern University has earned a viable position as the second largest of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the nation and is recognized by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as a "doctoral/research-intensive university"; and

WHEREAS, Texas Southern University consistently serves the Houston and regional community through innovative educational programs that encourage personal and professional development, progress, and performance; and

WHEREAS, The members of the board of trustees, the faculty, and the administration of Texas Southern University are committed to providing students with a quality, comprehensive collegiate education through instruction that emphasizes the critical thinking and creativity that leads to success; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby express appreciation to Texas Southern University for its significant contributions to our state and extend best wishes to all who are participating in Texas Southern University Day at the Capitol; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the university as an expression of esteem 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 February 2, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate