

By: Allen

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The May 31, 2007, retirement of Dr. Polly Sparks
2 Turner, associate professor and director of the TSU Health Care
3 Administration Graduate Program, brings to a close an outstanding
4 tenure of service to Texas Southern University; and

5 WHEREAS, A dynamic leader and productive scholar, Dr. Turner
6 authored the proposal for the first graduate program in the TSU
7 College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (COPHS), a master of
8 science degree in health care administration; she has guided the
9 program as its founding director since 2001; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Turner also designed and implemented the first
11 COPHS Summer Academy Program for pharmacy students, a program that
12 has continued since 1990; in addition, during her career at Texas
13 Southern, Dr. Turner has served as chair of the Department of Health
14 Sciences, as director of the Minority Faculty Fellowship Program,
15 the Health Careers Opportunity Program, and the Center of
16 Excellence, and as assistant vice president for alumni affairs; and

17 WHEREAS, This esteemed academician has advanced knowledge in
18 her field through grant-funded research and through the
19 presentation of numerous papers at professional conferences; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Turner is a former advisory board member for the
21 School of Allied Health at The University of Texas Medical Branch
22 and for the School of Public Health at The UT Health Science Center
23 at Houston, as well as a former member of the board of directors for
24 the Harris County Area Agency on Aging; she presently serves on the

1 executive committee for the Texas Consortium of Geriatric Education
2 Centers and on the governing council for the American Public Health
3 Association; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Turner has given generously of her time and
5 talents to such organizations as Chums, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
6 the National Congress of Black Women, the Sandra Organ Ballet Dance
7 Company, and Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church; and

8 WHEREAS, Frequently recognized for her outstanding
9 achievements, Dr. Polly Turner has been honored by Texas Southern
10 University, the American Public Health Association, and the
11 National Institute of Technology; moreover, she has been listed in
12 *Who's Who Among American College Teachers*, *Who's Who Among Women in*
13 *Pharmacy*, and *Who's Who in Black Houston*, and scholarships have
14 been established in her name at both Texas Southern and the
15 University of Houston Downtown; and

16 WHEREAS, The College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences at Texas
17 Southern University has benefited immensely from Polly Turner's
18 exceptional vision and deep commitment to health care education,
19 and her legacy of achievement will long benefit the department and
20 the university; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
22 Legislature hereby recognize Dr. Polly Sparks Turner for her
23 distinguished career at Texas Southern University and extend to her
24 best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement; and, be it
25 further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for Dr. Turner as an expression of high regard by the Texas
3 House of Representatives.