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1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Founded in 1947, Texas Southern University now  
3 celebrates 60 years of educational excellence and commitment to  
4 providing opportunity for higher education to all; and

5 WHEREAS, Texas Southern University is the second-largest of  
6 the Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the United  
7 States; the university has opened its doors to higher education for  
8 over 11,000 students from throughout the State of Texas and around  
9 the country; and

10 WHEREAS, As an open-enrollment institution, Texas Southern  
11 University remains committed to its historical mission of offering  
12 opportunities for higher education to underserved students; and

13 WHEREAS, Texas Southern University has conferred over 48,000  
14 degrees in its 60-year history; and

15 WHEREAS, The Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall  
16 School of Law has been recognized by *U.S. News and World Report*  
17 magazine as the most "diverse law school" in the nation; and

18 WHEREAS, Texas Southern University trains the majority of  
19 teachers for the Houston Independent School District, the largest  
20 school district in the State of Texas; and

21 WHEREAS, Among Houston's African American citizens, one in  
22 six has attended Texas Southern University; most of the African  
23 American pharmacists in the State of Texas have also attended the  
24 university; and

1           WHEREAS, The Texas Southern University National Alumni  
2 Association represents thousands of active and concerned alumni in  
3 14 chapters nationwide; and

4           WHEREAS, The members of the Texas Southern University  
5 National Alumni Association and the members of the Texas Southern  
6 University Student Government Association are traveling to Austin  
7 on March 7, 2007, to visit with members of the Texas Senate and the  
8 Texas House of Representatives and to express their support for a  
9 strong and independent Texas Southern University for the benefit of  
10 higher education in Texas; now, therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas  
12 hereby congratulate the Texas Southern University community on its  
13 many contributions to our state and declare March 7, 2007, Texas  
14 Southern University Day at the State Capitol; and, be it further

15           RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be prepared for the  
16 Texas Southern University National Alumni Association president  
17 and the Texas Southern University Student Government Association  
18 president as an expression of high regard from the Texas  
19 Legislature.