

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 535

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Paul Quinn College as it commemorates 135 years of educational excellence by observing Founders' Week 2007, which is being celebrated March 28 through April 4, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Paul Quinn College was founded in Austin on April 4, 1872, by a small group of African Methodist Episcopal preachers; in 1877, the college was moved to Waco and was called Waco College; there, in a modest one-building trade school, newly-freed slaves were taught the skills of blacksmithing, carpentry, tanning, and saddle work; and

WHEREAS, Under the direction of Bishop William Paul Quinn, African Methodist Episcopal districts were set up throughout the South; as funds became available, the college was able to purchase land and to expand the curriculum to include such subjects as Latin, mathematics, music, theology, and English; and

WHEREAS, The college was chartered by the State of Texas in May of 1881 and renamed Paul Quinn College in honor of Bishop William Paul Quinn; the college was moved to Dallas in 1990, and it has continued to grow through the years as a result of strong and determined leadership; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend the students, faculty, and staff of Paul Quinn College for their dedication to the founding principles of the college and extend to them best wishes for a celebratory Founders' Week; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as a memento of this special occasion.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 21, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate