

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 543

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Houston Alumni Chapter of Huston-Tillotson University, which is sponsoring its annual university choir concert; and

**WHEREAS**, Huston-Tillotson University was formed on October 24, 1952, when Samuel Huston College and Tillotson College united and became the sole provider of higher education for African Americans in Central Texas at the time; when these two institutions joined together, they took as their motto, "In Union, Strength"; and

**WHEREAS**, The roots of Tillotson College date back to 1875 and build upon the work of the Freedmen's Aid Society of the American Missionary Association of the Congregational churches; Samuel Huston College had its Austin beginnings in 1878 under the auspices of the West Texas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and

**WHEREAS**, The annual concert sponsored by the Houston Alumni Chapter of Huston-Tillotson University is being held at the historic Saint John Missionary Baptist Church on April 15, 2007; this event provides an excellent opportunity for the university's choir to share its musical talents with the Houston community; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend the Houston Alumni Chapter of Huston-Tillotson University on the occasion of its annual choir concert presentation; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for this outstanding organization 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 March 22, 2007.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate