

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 942

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Dr. Thomas F. Freeman for his many years of distinguished service at Texas Southern University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Freeman earned his bachelor's degree from Andover Newton Theological Seminary in Newton Centre, Massachusetts, and he received his doctorate from the University of Chicago; in the years since then, he has been a dedicated educator and minister, inspiring his students and church members with the broad expanse of his education and his eloquence; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Freeman joined the faculty of Texas Southern University in 1949 to teach philosophy and lead the debate team; he has had a profound influence on many prominent figures who were debate team members, including United States Representative Barbara Jordan, state Senator Rodney Ellis, and former Texas Southern University Provost James Race; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Freeman has been in demand throughout the country as a guest lecturer, including at Morehouse College, where he taught a young Martin Luther King, Jr., in 1947; he also taught at Virginia Union University and Rice University; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his long and productive career, Dr. Freeman has carried out his duties with inspiration and compassion; he has been a mentor and role model to countless students through the years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend Dr. Thomas Freeman for his many years of service to the students of Texas Southern University and extend to him best wishes in all his future endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Ellis

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 2, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate