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H.B. No. 425

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 425:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a prohibition against changing the name of certain  
3 public institutions of higher education that are named after state  
4 historical figures.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 51, Education Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 51.9051 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 51.9051. PRESERVING INSTITUTION NAME BASED ON STATE  
9 HISTORICAL FIGURE. (a) In this section, "general academic  
10 teaching institution," "governing board," and "public state  
11 college" have the meanings assigned by Section 61.003.

12 (b) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall  
13 maintain a registry that includes each general academic teaching  
14 institution, other than a public state college, that is named after  
15 an established historical figure of this state, as determined by  
16 the coordinating board in consultation with the Texas Historical  
17 Commission.

18 (c) The governing board of an institution included on the  
19 registry may not change the name of the institution in a manner that  
20 removes the name of the established historical figure from the name  
21 of the institution.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.