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H.B. No. 425

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a prohibition against changing the name of a public
3 institution of higher education that is named after a state
4 historical figure.

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, "governing board" and
10 "institution of higher education" have the meanings assigned by
11 Section 61.003.

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

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

21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.