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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Founded in 1947, Texas Southern University now
2 celebrates 60 years of educational excellence and commitment to
3 providing opportunity for higher education to all; and

4 WHEREAS, Texas Southern University is the second-largest of
5 the historically Black colleges and universities in the United
6 States; the university has opened its doors to higher education for
7 more than 11,000 students from throughout the State of Texas and
8 around the country; and

9 WHEREAS, An open-enrollment institution, Texas Southern
10 University remains committed to its historical mission of offering
11 opportunities for higher education to underserved students; and

12 WHEREAS, Texas Southern University has conferred more than
13 48,000 degrees in its 60-year history; and

14 WHEREAS, The Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall
15 School of Law has been recognized by *U.S. News and World Report*
16 magazine as the most "diverse law school" in the nation; and

17 WHEREAS, Texas Southern University trains the majority of
18 teachers for the Houston Independent School District, the largest
19 school district in the State of Texas; and

20 WHEREAS, Among Houston's African American citizens, one in
21 six has attended Texas Southern University; most of the African
22 American pharmacists in the State of Texas have also attended the
23 university; and

24 WHEREAS, The Texas Southern University National Alumni

1 Association represents thousands of active and concerned alumni in
2 14 chapters nationwide; and

3 WHEREAS, Members of the Texas Southern University National
4 Alumni Association and the members of the Texas Southern University
5 Student Government Association are traveling to Austin on April 27,
6 2009, to visit with members of the Texas Senate and the Texas House
7 of Representatives and to express their support for a strong and
8 independent Texas Southern University for the benefit of higher
9 education in Texas; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate the Texas Southern University
12 community on its many contributions to our state and recognize
13 April 27, 2009, as Texas Southern University Day at the State
14 Capitol; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared
16 for the Texas Southern University National Alumni Association
17 president and the Texas Southern University Student Government
18 Association president as an expression of high regard by the Texas
19 House of Representatives.