

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The 2009 Founder's Observance at Paul Quinn College  
2 took place March 28 through April 4, with alumni, faculty, and  
3 students joining together to celebrate the theme of "137 Years of  
4 Combining Intellect with Faith"; and

5           WHEREAS, One of the oldest liberal arts colleges founded for  
6 African American students, the institution was originally known as  
7 the Connectional College, and it opened its doors in Austin in 1872,  
8 thanks to the work of Bishop J. M. Brown and other members of the  
9 African Methodist Episcopal Church; after moving to Waco and  
10 becoming known as Waco College, the institution came under the  
11 direction of Bishop William Paul Quinn, who oversaw an expansion of  
12 its curriculum and facilities; in 1881, the college was chartered  
13 by the State of Texas and was renamed in honor of Bishop Quinn; and

14           WHEREAS, Through the decades, Paul Quinn College has  
15 continued to benefit from the work of determined leaders and  
16 dedicated educators; these individuals have maintained the  
17 institution's mission of providing a quality, faith-based  
18 education to students while also helping the school to grow and  
19 adapt to a changing world; in 1990, Paul Quinn College relocated to  
20 Dallas, and it is now celebrating its 19th year in North Texas; and

21           WHEREAS, This admirable place of higher learning has prepared  
22 numerous generations of students for productive futures, and the  
23 weeklong Founder's Observance offered a welcome opportunity to  
24 reflect on the many achievements and advancements that have been

1 effected by its educators and alumni and to express support for the  
2 institution's ongoing work; now, therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
4 Legislature hereby commemorate the 2009 Founder's Observance at  
5 Paul Quinn College and commend the school's faculty, students, and  
6 staff for their continuing commitment to this outstanding  
7 institution; and, be it further

8       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
9 prepared for the college as an expression of high regard by the  
10 Texas House of Representatives.

Giddings

H.R. No. 2955

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2955 was adopted by the House on June 1, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House