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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.