

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 552

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Paul Quinn College, which is commemorating 137 years of excellence in education with a week of events from March 28 through April 4, 2009, during its Founder's Observance 2009; and

WHEREAS, One of the oldest liberal arts colleges for African Americans, Paul Quinn College was founded in Austin on April 4, 1872, by a group of African Methodist Episcopal ministers; it was relocated to Waco five years later and named Waco College, and trades such as blacksmithing, carpentry, tanning, and saddle work were taught to newly-freed slaves; and

WHEREAS, The college was chartered by the State of Texas in 1881 and renamed Paul Quinn College in honor of Bishop William Paul Quinn, under whose direction the African Methodist Episcopal Church had developed districts throughout the South; and

WHEREAS, Under Bishop Quinn's leadership, the college greatly increased its land ownership and expanded its curriculum to include subjects like mathematics, Latin, music, and theology; and

WHEREAS, Today, Paul Quinn College is located in Dallas and continues to grow and expand under strong and determined leadership; with its slogan of "137 Years of Combining Intellect and Faith," the Founder's Observance 2009 serves to celebrate the college's rich past while embracing the challenges of the future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend the students, faculty, and staff of Paul Quinn College for their dedication to the school's founding principles and extend to them best wishes for a memorable Founder's Observance 2009; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the college as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 1, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate