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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Texas Southern University football team won the  
2 2010 Southwestern Athletic Conference championship with a victory  
3 over Alabama State University on December 11; and

4           WHEREAS, Playing at storied Legion Field in Birmingham,  
5 Alabama, the Tigers made a supreme defensive effort in their 11-6  
6 win over the SWAC Eastern Division champions, holding Alabama State  
7 to just 72 yards of offense and also scoring on a safety in the first  
8 half; TSU got its other points from a Martin Gilbert touchdown run  
9 in the first quarter and a Robert Hersh field goal in the second;  
10 Riko Smalls, the TSU quarterback, was named Offensive Player of the  
11 Game; and

12           WHEREAS, The Tigers had an impressive 8-1 conference record  
13 during 2010 and secured the Western Division title with a thrilling  
14 come-from-behind victory over Grambling State University that saw  
15 TSU rally from a 17-point deficit in the fourth quarter; the team  
16 held opponents to just 131 points in conference play, the best in  
17 the SWAC; because of its ability to turn up the heat on opponents,  
18 the defense became known as the "212," in reference to the boiling  
19 point of water; and

20           WHEREAS, Marcus Wright and Charles Smith were named to the  
21 all-SWAC first team on offense, while Skylar Trimble and Kirk  
22 Fitzhugh made the second offensive team, and William Osborne was  
23 selected to the second team for his special teams play; on the  
24 defensive side of the ball, Marquis Jackson, Jonathan Hollins, Zack

1 Gallow, and Dejuan Fulman were first-team all-SWAC, and Shomari  
2 Clemons was named to the second team; Mr. Fulman was named the  
3 conference's Defensive Player of the Year, and Johnnie Cole was  
4 chosen as its Coach of the Year after leading the school to its  
5 first SWAC title in 42 years; and

6 WHEREAS, Through hard work and an enduring commitment to  
7 excellence, the Texas Southern University football team achieved an  
8 admirable level of success during 2010, and these skilled athletes  
9 and their coaches may take justifiable pride in this  
10 accomplishment; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
12 Legislature hereby congratulate the Texas Southern University  
13 football team on winning the 2010 Southwestern Athletic Conference  
14 championship and commend the players and coaches for their fine  
15 work during a title-winning season; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
18 House of Representatives.