

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Paul Quinn College received the inaugural HBCU of
2 the Year Award from the Center for Historic Black Colleges and
3 Universities Media Advocacy and *HBCU Digest* on March 18, 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, In recognizing Paul Quinn College, a private liberal
5 arts college in Dallas, the selection committee remarked on its
6 institutional resiliency and tremendous accomplishments over the
7 past 18 months; the school achieved a seven-figure budget surplus
8 in fiscal year 2010 and partnered with PepsiCo's Food for Good
9 Initiative to establish the Food for Good Farm; this social
10 entrepreneurship project addresses the lack of affordable, healthy
11 food in economically depressed neighborhoods and promotes
12 sustainable urban redevelopment along with nutrition, exercise,
13 and other preventative health measures; moreover, the college has
14 improved fund-raising, overhauled its core curriculum, and created
15 a writing program; and

16 WHEREAS, This noteworthy institution was founded in Austin by
17 African Methodist Episcopal preachers in 1872; five years later, it
18 moved to Waco, and in 1990 it relocated to a 140-acre campus in
19 Dallas; the oldest historically black college in Texas, the school
20 initially taught industrial skills such as blacksmithing and
21 carpentry to former slaves before evolving into a liberal arts
22 college; and

23 WHEREAS, Today, Paul Quinn College offers bachelor's degrees
24 in business administration, education, biology, and computer

1 science; it defines its mission as providing a quality, faith-based
2 education and preparing students to become servant leaders and
3 agents of change in their communities; and

4 WHEREAS, Guided by president Michael Sorrell, Paul Quinn
5 College has built on a remarkable history that spans nearly 140
6 years to reach a new level of excellence in 2011, and its students,
7 faculty, and administration can take justifiable pride in this
8 prestigious accolade; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate Paul Quinn College on its receipt
11 of the 2011 HBCU of the Year Award and extend to all those
12 associated with the school sincere best wishes for the future; and,
13 be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Paul Quinn College as an expression of high regard by
16 the Texas House of Representatives.

Giddings

H.R. No. 1362

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1362 was adopted by the House on April 28, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House