SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 74

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize His Excellency Mu'azu Babangida Aliyu, governor of Niger State, Nigeria, who has been named the recipient of the Global Empowerment Award for 2013 by the Empowerment Plus Institute; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Aliyu has served the people of Niger State and Nigeria with distinction for more than 35 years, beginning with the Ministry of Education and going on to hold a wide variety of important positions, including membership in the House of Representatives and the Cabinet Secretariat of the Presidency; he won a landslide victory in 2007 to become governor of Niger State and was reelected in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Known for his eloquence and wit, this distinguished statesman is in much demand around the world as a lecturer; he has visited more than 90 countries and has appeared at such venues as the London School of Economics; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Aliyu has received numerous accolades for his exemplary service, including being named an Officer of the Order of Niger and receiving the title of Talban Minna; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Aliyu has throughout his career served the people of Niger State with dedication, courage, and integrity, and he is truly deserving of recognition for his outstanding achievements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby welcome Dr. Mu'azu Babangida Aliyu as he visits Texas and extend to him congratulations on being named the recipient of the Global Empowerment Award for 2013; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem 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 June 14, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate