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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A number of proud Texans are gathering in Austin on
2 January 29, 2013, to celebrate Historically Black Colleges and
3 Universities Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, With origins that date as far back as the 1870s,
5 historically black colleges and universities have played a dynamic
6 role in Texas history; after Reconstruction, the first colleges for
7 African Americans in Texas were established by religious
8 organizations, and state-sponsored schools soon followed; and

9 WHEREAS, Despite facing serious financial obstacles, many of
10 the schools flourished thanks to the perseverance and creativity of
11 countless dedicated administrators and educators; among the myriad
12 distinguished alumni of Texas HBCUs are NAACP activist John H.
13 Wells, folklorist J. Mason Brewer, civil-rights advocate James L.
14 Farmer, Jr., and groundbreaking politician Barbara Jordan; and

15 WHEREAS, Today, the HBCUs of Texas include Huston-Tillotson
16 University, Jarvis Christian College, Paul Quinn College, Prairie
17 View A&M University, St. Philip's College, Southwestern Christian
18 College, Texas College, Texas Southern University, and Wiley
19 College; and

20 WHEREAS, Historically black colleges and universities have
21 deep roots in the Lone Star State and have provided outstanding
22 educational opportunities for countless Texans, and this special
23 day provides a fitting opportunity to honor these notable
24 institutions; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
2 Legislature hereby recognize January 29, 2013, as Historically
3 Black Colleges and Universities Day at the State Capitol and call on
4 all Texans to learn more about the contributions made by HBCUs to
5 the history and prosperity of the Lone Star State.