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H.R. No. 542

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Members of the Paul Quinn College community are  
2 joining together on February 28, 2013, to honor Bishop Vashti  
3 Murphy McKenzie on her recent appointments as chair of the school's  
4 board of trustees and as bishop of the 10th Episcopal District of  
5 the African Methodist Episcopal Church; and

6           WHEREAS, Vashti McKenzie became the first woman to be  
7 elevated to the episcopate in the more than 200-year history of the  
8 AME Church when she was elected and consecrated as bishop in 2000;  
9 she has further benefited her community of faith as president of the  
10 Council of Bishops, chair of the General Conference Commission, and  
11 host bishop of the 49th Quadrennial Session of the General  
12 Conference, which drew more than 30,000 participants; and

13           WHEREAS, Widely admired for her dynamic leadership and her  
14 deep commitment to community service, Bishop McKenzie was one of  
15 the first individuals named by President Barack Obama to the  
16 advisory council of the White House Office of Faith-Based and  
17 Neighborhood Partnerships; she has also served on the board of  
18 trustees of Payne Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, and the  
19 Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia; in  
20 addition, she is a successful author, with four published works to  
21 her credit; and

22           WHEREAS, This esteemed clergywoman has provided years of  
23 valued inspiration and guidance to members of the AME Church while  
24 also contributing to the betterment of her community, and it is

1 indeed a privilege to welcome her to the Lone Star State; now,  
2 therefore, be it

3         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
4 Legislature hereby congratulate Bishop Vashti McKenzie on her  
5 appointments as bishop of the 10th Episcopal District of the  
6 African Methodist Episcopal Church and as chair of the Paul Quinn  
7 College Board of Trustees and extend to her sincere best wishes for  
8 continued success; and, be it further

9         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for Bishop McKenzie as an expression of high regard by the  
11 Texas House of Representatives.