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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Texas Southern University is awarding an honorary
2 doctorate of humane letters to Michael Strahan during its spring
3 commencement exercises on May 11, 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Houston, Mr. Strahan spent most of his youth
5 in Germany, where his father was stationed in the U.S. Army; he
6 returned to the United States during his high school years and then
7 enrolled at TSU on a football scholarship; in his senior year, he
8 recorded a school-record 19 sacks and 62 tackles, and he was named a
9 first-team All-American; and

10 WHEREAS, After graduating from TSU in 1992, Mr. Strahan
11 embarked on an impressive 15-year career in the National Football
12 League playing defensive end for the New York Giants; in 2001, he
13 broke the 18-year-old NFL single-season sack record, an achievement
14 that has yet to be bested; that same year, he was named the NFL
15 Player of the Year by *Sports Illustrated* and the Defensive Player of
16 the Year by the Associated Press; in 2007, his final season, he
17 helped lead the Giants to a Super Bowl victory over the New England
18 Patriots; and

19 WHEREAS, An engaging media personality as well as a skilled
20 athlete, Mr. Strahan has starred in numerous television programs
21 since retiring from the NFL; he currently works as a sports
22 commentator for *Fox NFL Sunday*, and every weekday morning, he
23 cohosts the Emmy-winning talk show *LIVE with Kelly and Michael*; and

24 WHEREAS, In addition to his professional commitments,

1 Mr. Strahan supports numerous charities, including St. Jude's
2 Children's Research Hospital, the USO, Walter Reed Army Medical
3 Center, and the Fresh Air Fund; with Mayor Cory Booker of Newark,
4 New Jersey, he created the Newark Mentoring Movement to benefit
5 young people in the city; and

6 WHEREAS, Michael Strahan's successes on and off the field are
7 a source of great pride to the Texas Southern University community,
8 and this multitalented alumnus is indeed deserving of this
9 prestigious award; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Michael Strahan on his receipt of
12 an honorary doctorate of humane letters from Texas Southern
13 University and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future;
14 and, be it further

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