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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Naomi Cox Andrews of Pearland has been named the  
2 2015 Alumnus of the Year by Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas  
3 Southern University; and

4           WHEREAS, A 1983 graduate of the law school, Ms. Andrews has  
5 been involved in the university community for many decades, having  
6 also earned a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in business  
7 from TSU; highly respected for her leadership and expertise, she  
8 was appointed to the university's board of regents by Governor  
9 Dolph Briscoe in 1974 and was later reappointed by Governor Bill  
10 Clements; today, she is a dedicated member of the alumni board of  
11 Thurgood Marshall School of Law; and

12           WHEREAS, Ms. Andrews has further distinguished herself  
13 through numerous other accomplishments in the Houston area and  
14 beyond; she helped break down racial barriers in 1961, when she  
15 became the first African American clerical employee at the *Houston*  
16 *Post*, and she subsequently became the first African American  
17 secretary at Shell Oil; after moving to California, she taught in  
18 the Compton public schools while her husband, Dr. Rawle Andrews,  
19 was finishing his medical training; and

20           WHEREAS, Following the couple's return to Houston,  
21 Ms. Andrews helped her husband establish his medical practice, and  
22 she also began taking leadership roles in a wide variety of civic  
23 initiatives; over the years, she has worked in behalf of a number of  
24 community organizations and charitable causes, including Texas Job

1 Corps Women in Action projects and the fund-raising fashion show of  
2 the Houston Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta; she  
3 presently serves on the board of the Can! Academy Education  
4 Foundation in Dallas, and she chairs the board of the Youth Freedom  
5 Institute at First Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, where she is a  
6 valued congregant; and

7 WHEREAS, Ms. Andrews has been employed as director of finance  
8 at the Andrews Medical Clinic, as a financial planner for  
9 Ameriprise, and as an assistant auditor for Freestone County, and  
10 she has served as an instructor at Navarro College; she is the  
11 devoted mother of four children, and she takes great pride in her  
12 seven grandchildren; and

13 WHEREAS, Naomi Cox Andrews has distinguished herself through  
14 her numerous contributions to higher education and to the Houston  
15 community, and this prestigious accolade is a reflection of the  
16 high esteem in which she is held; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
18 Legislature hereby congratulate Naomi Cox Andrews on her selection  
19 as the 2015 Thurgood Marshall School of Law Alumnus of the Year and  
20 extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
22 prepared for Ms. Andrews as an expression of high regard by the  
23 Texas House of Representatives.