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H.R. No. 56

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many proud Texans are visiting Austin on January 24,  
2 2017, to celebrate Texas Southern University Day at the State  
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, One of the nation's preeminent historically black  
5 colleges and universities, TSU was founded in 1927; it was  
6 designated as a special-purpose institution of higher education for  
7 urban programming by the Texas Legislature in 1973 and retains a  
8 steadfast commitment to innovative approaches that respond to the  
9 metropolitan environment; and

10 WHEREAS, The university now serves approximately 8,500  
11 undergraduate and graduate students from around the world; it  
12 offers well over 100 baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral degree  
13 programs in 12 schools, including the Barbara Jordan--Mickey Leland  
14 School of Public Affairs, named after two alumni who served with  
15 distinction in the United States Congress; and

16 WHEREAS, TSU is noted for its Thurgood Marshall School of Law  
17 and its College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, from which an  
18 estimated 25 percent of all African American pharmacists in the  
19 country have graduated; TSU is also active in the Texas Legislative  
20 Internship Program, which grants students the opportunity to gain  
21 valuable experience in state government, alongside many  
22 legislators who share personal ties to their alma mater; and

23 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of its 12th president,  
24 Dr. Austin A. Lane, TSU has redoubled its efforts to increase

1 student success rates and academic rigor while expanding its  
2 research programs, enhancing its culture, and developing stronger  
3 relationships with Houston public schools, local community  
4 colleges, alumni, and other stakeholders; and

5 WHEREAS, For 90 years, Texas Southern University has played  
6 an important role in higher education in the Lone Star State, and  
7 its graduates continue to achieve success and make significant  
8 contributions in numerous fields of endeavor; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby recognize January 24, 2017, as Texas Southern  
11 University Day at the State Capitol and extend to all those  
12 associated with the institution sincere best wishes for the future;  
13 and, be it further

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