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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, April 4, 2017, is Southwestern Christian College Day
2 at the State Capitol, and this occasion provides a welcome
3 opportunity to recognize this notable institution; and

4 WHEREAS, Established by leaders in the Churches of Christ as
5 the Southern Bible Institute, the school opened in Fort Worth in
6 1948; the following year, it adopted its present name and moved to
7 the former Texas Military College property in Terrell; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Jack Evans Sr., a prominent evangelist, became
9 president of the college in 1967 and guided its successful progress
10 toward accreditation as a two-year junior college; in 1982, he led
11 the creation of a bachelor's degree program in Bible and religious
12 education; after five decades at the helm, Dr. Evans retired and
13 was succeeded in January 2017 by Dr. Ervin D. Seamster Jr., a
14 graduate of Southwestern Christian College and Perkins School of
15 Theology; and

16 WHEREAS, Today, Southwestern continues to offer a
17 faith-based, holistic education, fostering academic excellence
18 within the context of commitment to moral and spiritual values;
19 while assisting new high school graduates in their transition to
20 higher education, it prepares students for leadership roles in
21 their communities as well as for participation in the workforce;
22 over the years, many Southwestern alumni have also gone on to become
23 preachers and leaders in the Churches of Christ; and

24 WHEREAS, For nearly seven decades, Southwestern Christian

1 College has provided young Texans with a strong foundation on which
2 to build fulfilling lives, and its enduring existence stands as a
3 tribute to the faith and dedication of its administrators, faculty,
4 staff, and alumni; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
6 Legislature hereby recognize April 4, 2017, as Southwestern
7 Christian College Day at the State Capitol; and, be it further

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