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H.R. No. 1498

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Mary Young assumed the office of acting police chief  
2 of Texas Southern University in March 2017, becoming the first  
3 woman to serve as head of the school's Department of Public Safety;  
4 and

5           WHEREAS, After graduating from James Madison High School at  
6 the age of 16, Chief Young earned her bachelor's degree in  
7 communications and law enforcement from Prairie View A&M University  
8 and her master's degree in criminology and sociology from Sam  
9 Houston State University; she is a member of Delta Sigma Theta  
10 Sorority; and

11           WHEREAS, Chief Young is a veteran of the Houston Police  
12 Department, where she most recently served as the Southwest Patrol  
13 Division's community service specialist, designing and  
14 implementing outreach programs for young people and seniors; she  
15 also worked with nonprofits, community leaders, and local  
16 businesses to build stronger relationships between the police and  
17 the neighborhoods they serve; and

18           WHEREAS, This dynamic law enforcement professional holds a  
19 Master Peace Officer's certificate and a Homeland Security  
20 certificate, as well as a teaching certificate in secondary  
21 education; she is a member of the Institute of Social Justice, the  
22 National Black Police Association, the Houston Police Officers'  
23 Union, the African American Police Officers League, and Teach for  
24 America; and

1           WHEREAS, Mary Young exemplifies the highest ideals of the law  
2 enforcement profession, and Texas Southern is fortunate to have the  
3 benefit of her seasoned leadership in this critical post; now,  
4 therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Mary Young on her appointment as  
7 acting police chief at Texas Southern University and extend to her  
8 sincere best wishes for continued success in her important work;  
9 and, be it further

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