

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The fourth annual Texas HBCU Conference Series,  
2 *Democracy Schools*, is taking place at Huston-Tillotson University  
3 in Austin on April 4 and 5, 2025; and

4 WHEREAS, Established at Huston-Tillotson in 2022, the  
5 conference series emerged from the efforts of a campuswide  
6 leadership development and civic engagement initiative, Public  
7 Leadership in Faith and Social Justice Traditions; students in the  
8 program organized intentional small group discussions, drawing  
9 inspiration from a century of grass roots activism; the Freedom  
10 Schools of the civil rights era inform the concept of Democracy  
11 Schools as a framework to explore civic capacity building and  
12 community institutions over time; and

13 WHEREAS, The conference brings together students, faculty,  
14 and staff from the state's Historically Black Colleges and  
15 Universities, as well as interested community partners; scholars  
16 and professionals explore a cultural view of democracy and  
17 citizenship with perspectives from a broad range of disciplines and  
18 fields, including literature, science, media, humanities, and the  
19 arts; and

20 WHEREAS, In its fourth year, the conference's theme is the  
21 civic power and legacy of HBCUs and Black educational history and  
22 practice; presenters will examine the collective ability of civil  
23 society groups, organizations, and institutions to strengthen and  
24 renew democracy; and

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1           WHEREAS, The conference series highlights the vital role  
2 HBCUs have long played in developing strong, meaningful citizenship  
3 that contributes to the advancement of democracy in our state and  
4 nation; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby recognize April 4, 2025, as Texas HBCU Day and  
7 extend to all those participating in the Texas HBCU Conference  
8 Series sincere best wishes for a meaningful and productive event.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 376 was adopted by the House on March 13, 2025, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House