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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many proud Texans are visiting Austin on March 4,
2 2025, 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 beyond; and

10 WHEREAS, The university now serves approximately 8,700
11 undergraduate and graduate students from around the world; it
12 offers well over 100 baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral degree
13 programs in numerous schools, including the Barbara Jordan-Mickey
14 Leland School of Public Affairs, named after two alumni who served
15 with 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; the university is
18 also active in the Texas Legislative Internship Program, which
19 grants students the opportunity to gain valuable experience in
20 state government, alongside many legislators who share personal
21 ties to their alma mater; and

22 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of its 14th president, James
23 W. Crawford III, retired vice admiral and judge advocate general of
24 the U.S. Navy, TSU has redoubled its efforts to increase student

1 achievement rates and academic rigor, as demonstrated by the most
2 recent four-year graduation rate that is the highest on record,
3 while expanding its research programs, enhancing its culture, and
4 developing stronger relationships with Houston-area public
5 schools, local community colleges, alumni, corporate and private
6 partners, government agencies, and other stakeholders; and

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

11 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
12 hereby recognize March 4, 2025, as Texas Southern University Day at
13 the State Capitol and extend to all those associated with the
14 institution sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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