

*City of Tyler
by the honorable
Barbara Bass, Mayor*

A Proclamation
**TEXAS COLLEGE HOMECOMING 2008
OCTOBER 26 – NOVEMBER 1, 2008**

Whereas, Texas College is a residential, co-educational, historically black, baccalaureate degree-granting college of the liberal arts founded on January 9, 1894, by a group of committed ministers and laity, as a part of the educational ministry of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (then known as the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church); representing an expression of their faith as they sought to educate the children of former slaves and prepare them for a new life following emancipation; and

Whereas, Texas College is one of three institutions of higher learning situated in the rose city of Tyler, which has an estimated population of 106,000 people and growing; and

Whereas, Texas College has an “open admissions” policy that permits it to serve a broad-based traditional and non-traditional student clientele, and seeks to address the support needs of all students by providing a comprehensive enrichment program designed to enhance academic performance and development; and

Whereas, Texas College is located in the Eighth Episcopal District under the leadership of Bishop Ronald Cunningham, the 42nd Bishop of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, and is chairman of the Texas College Board of Trustees; and

Whereas, this year Texas College is celebrating Homecoming 2008 under the leadership of Dr. Dwight J. Fennell, the 21st president of Texas College,

Now Therefore, I, Barbara Bass, Mayor of the City of Tyler, Texas, do hereby proclaim OCTOBER 26 – NOVEMBER 1, 2008, as TEXAS COLLEGE HOMECOMING 2008, in the City of Tyler, Texas, and urge all citizens to join in the Homecoming Celebration at the College and throughout the City.

*In official recognition whereof I hereby
affix my signature this 26th day of October 2008.*

*Barbara R. Bass
Mayor of Tyler, Texas*