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The Honorable Al Green to Speak at the December 2008 Commencement

Congressman and TSU Law School graduate Al Green will speak to TSU's 2008 Fall graduates at the University's Commencement Ceremony Saturday, December 13th at 9:00 a.m. at the Health and Physical Education Arena on the campus.

Congressman Green's chief legislative priority for the 110th Congress is creating a Federal Living Wage. As the Democratic Whip for Region 6 and one of the newest members of the Committee on Homeland Security, Green is dedicated to increasing U.S. port and border security and reducing chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear threats. He also serves on the Financial Services Committee where he continues his fight to eliminate insurance, housing and lender practices that have historically victimized low and moderate income communities. Additionally, Congressman Green remains committed to increasing the levels affordable housing and ensuring that every American realizes the dream of homeownership.

Shortly after Hurricane Ike brought flood and destruction to the TSU campus, many volunteers converged to help the hundreds of students who were left without power and community residents, who had no power, food nor water. But one of the first graduates of TSU to respond to their calls was Congressman Al Green.

Once on the ground, the Congressman could be seen loading boxes of food, tossing bags of ice and handing out MRE's. He spent nearly four hours the first day with a bullhorn in one hand and directing traffic with the hand that was free.

As a testament to his exceptional service to the community, and in recognition of his outstanding professional achievement and superior leadership ability, Congressman Green has received numerous awards. Green was honored for his outstanding accomplishments by the City of Houston with "Al Green Day." Mayor Bob Lanier cited him as a "vigorous spokesman for fairness, justice and equality for all," and cited his "distinguished reputation for his ability to bring together people of different ethnic, political and social lives."

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