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Board Chairman Glenn O. Lewis to Give Founders Day Address on September 10, at Texas Southern University

No one can tell the story about the renaissance of Texas Southern University better than Glenn O. Lewis. And the “O” stands for extremely "Optimistic". As chairman of the TSU Board of Regents since 2007, Lewis now knows more about the university than perhaps most of its previous chairs. He has a vibe that’s almost automatic. He reconnects former students and graduates to the university – many times if they do not have their business cards on them – he grabs whatever is available to write on...program booklets, paper napkins, handkerchiefs, and scrap paper...sometimes committing the information to memory.

Chairman Lewis came to the University with a stellar career in public service and law. His appointment to the Board of Regents followed his leadership as Chairman of the Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee for Texas Southern University established by Texas Governor Rick Perry. Lewis served for ten years in the Texas House of Representatives from the ninety-fifth district in Tarrant County. During that first term, his colleagues in The House honored him by voting him The Outstanding Freshman of the Seventy-Fourth Session of the Texas Legislature. His leadership roles included serving as Chairman of the Committee on County Affairs, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on House Administration, Vice-Chairman of the Tarrant County Legislative Delegation and as Vice-Chairman of the Texas Legislative Black Caucus.

A long-standing supporter of causes in his local community, Chairman Lewis is a member of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce where he served six years as Chairman of its Board of Directors. He is a member of the Board of Directors and the Corporate Leadership Council of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, he has been a member of the Board of Directors of United Way of Tarrant County and the board of directors of the Downtown Fort Worth Tax Increment Financing District.

Chairman Lewis is currently a partner in the law firm of Linebarger Goggan Blair and Sampson. Prior to joining this firm, he practiced law with his brother, Judge Terry Lewis (deceased), in the Fort Worth firm of Lewis and Lewis.

He grew up as the seventh of ten children in the East Fort Worth community known as “Stop Six”. He has been married to Arveda (Bailey) Lewis since 1977. They have two children, a son, Jelani Bailey Lewis, born October 13, 1989 and a daughter, Tiffany Gaye Lewis born December 14, 1990. He and his family are members of the Mount Olive Baptist Church in Arlington Texas, where he serves on the deacon board. Attorney Lewis is an experienced litigator having tried over 100 jury trials both civil and criminal. After graduating from Paul Laurence Dunbar High School in Fort Worth, Glenn enrolled at Prairie View A&M University. Prior to graduation, he returned home to Fort Worth where he completed his undergraduate work. He earned an A.A. degree from Tarrant County College and a B.A. from Texas Wesleyan University. He went on to earn a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Texas School of Law in Austin, Texas. He is licensed by the State Bar of Texas, the U.S. District Court in the Northern District of Texas and U.S. Court of Appeals Fifth Circuit. He is a member of the State Bar College of Texas.

Lewis served on the House Select Committee on Public School Finance. He was appointed to the influential Texas Sunset Review Commission making him the first African American to serve on this commission in its history.

The author of over seventy pieces of legislation, Representative Lewis’ legislative honors include twice being named one of Texas Medicine’s Best Legislators by the Texas Medical Association. He has received similar honors from the Texas Association of Hispanic Firefighters, Tarrant County Fire and Arson Investigators, the Texas Motorcycle Association and the African American Section of the State Bar of Texas. The Texas Association of County Judges and Commissioners honored him with their first ever Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2001 the Justice of the Peace and Constables Association of Texas named him Legislator of the Year. In 2003 the Texas Association of Counties named him their Legislative Watchdog. Mr. Lewis concluded 10 years of service in the Texas House of Representatives when the 79th Session of the Texas Legislature commenced on January 11, 2005.

Founders Day 2015 is scheduled for Thursday, September 10, 2015, in Granville Sawyer Auditorium on campus.