

**TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF REGENTS AGENDA**

COMMITTEE: Academic Affairs, Research and Student Life

ITEM: Request Approval to Award an Honorary Doctorate

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED: N/A

SUMMARY:

Upon the recommendation by President James W. Crawford III, the University requests approval to confer an honorary doctorate to Mrs. Alison Leland.

Mrs. Leland is an alumna of Spelman College and the Georgetown University Law Center. She has dedicated 16 years to a successful career in investment banking, working with a prominent firm on Wall Street. Her extensive experience in the field underscores her expertise and commitment to excellence in the financial sector. In addition to her professional achievements, Mrs. Leland is a trustee of the Menil Museum. She holds board member positions with the Texas Defenders Service, which advocates for indigent death row inmates, and the Mickey Leland Kibbutzim Internship Foundation, which enables high school students to intern in Israel.

Currently, Mrs. Leland is the director of the 3+3 Undergraduate/Law Dual-Degree Program at the University of Houston. This forward-thinking program allows outstanding Honors College students to transition into legal studies at the UH Law Center upon completion of their junior year. Furthermore, she oversees the Smithsonian internship program and is a political science instructor within the Honors College.

Notably, Alison Leland was married to the late Congressman, Mr. George Thomas "Mickey" Leland, III. Mrs. Leland donated a collection of Mickey Leland's archives and papers to the University in 1989.

SUPPORTING

DOCUMENTATION: None (BOA0001561)

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Administration recommends approval of this item

Legal Certification: Based on available information to date, this action item and its implementation will not be in violation of any applicable federal, state, or local law, or regulation.



GENERAL COUNSEL

03/26/2025

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Fiscal Certification: This fiscal note shown above details the true and actual positive or negative fiscal effect that implementation of this proposal will achieve.



John Pittman (Mar 26, 2025 08:04 CDT)

INTERIM CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

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DATE



James Crawford (Mar 28, 2025 12:14 CDT)

PRESIDENT

03/28/2025

DATE