

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Booker T. Washington High School and the High School  
2 for Engineering Professions in Houston dedicated the campus  
3 auditorium in honor of State Representative Senfronia Thompson on  
4 April 24, 2021; and

5           WHEREAS, A member of the Washington High Class of 1957,  
6 Representative Thompson was also recognized as the first supporter  
7 of the school's new "The Vision" Community Statue Project; the  
8 student-led initiative is raising money for a plaza on campus with a  
9 statue of the school's namesake as its centerpiece; and

10           WHEREAS, Representative Thompson, the dean of the Texas  
11 House, is both the longest-serving woman and longest-serving  
12 African American in the legislature; first elected in 1972, she has  
13 worked tirelessly in behalf of the most vulnerable; she has crafted  
14 groundbreaking legislation to combat human trafficking, and she is  
15 the author of the James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Act, the Chief Justice  
16 Jack Pope Act, which increases access to legal aid for low-income  
17 Texans with civil cases, and the Michael Morton Act, promoting  
18 greater fairness in the criminal justice system; in addition, she  
19 has secured passage of a host of other laws benefiting women,  
20 children, and the elderly; and

21           WHEREAS, Currently chair of the Licensing and Administrative  
22 Procedures Committee, Representative Thompson also serves on the  
23 Redistricting and the Business and Industry Committees; she has  
24 served the house in numerous leadership roles through the years,

1 including chair of the Public Health, Judicial Affairs, and Local  
2 and Consent Calendars Committees and co-chair of the Human  
3 Trafficking Committee; and

4 WHEREAS, Among myriad accolades, Representative Thompson has  
5 received the Rosa Parks Award from the Texas Legislative Black  
6 Caucus, and she was inducted into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame in  
7 2014; in addition, she has been named one of the Top Ten Best  
8 Legislators by *Texas Monthly*; she graduated from the Thurgood  
9 Marshall School of Law and holds a master of law degree in  
10 international law from the University of Houston as well; and

11 WHEREAS, Senfronia Thompson has made a positive difference in  
12 the lives of countless Texans over the course of her remarkable  
13 legislative career, and the auditorium that bears her name will  
14 serve as a lasting reminder to Washington High students of the  
15 tremendous good that one person can accomplish; now, therefore, be  
16 it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
18 Legislature hereby congratulate the Honorable Senfronia Thompson  
19 on the dedication of the auditorium at Booker T. Washington High  
20 School and the High School for Engineering Professions in her honor  
21 and extend to her sincere appreciation for her many contributions  
22 to the state; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
24 prepared for Representative Thompson as an expression of high  
25 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

J. Johnson of Harris

H.R. No. 1230

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1230 was adopted by the House on May 23, 2021, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House