

By: Davis

H.R. No. 1448

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Usamah Rodgers has received a 2023 Outstanding
2 Texan Award for House District 111 from the Texas Legislative Black
3 Caucus; and

4 WHEREAS, A fitting recipient of this notable honor,
5 Dr. Rodgers is the superintendent of the DeSoto Independent School
6 District; over the course of an exemplary career in education that
7 has spanned more than two decades, she has held several leadership
8 roles, including dean of instruction, assistant principal, and
9 campus principal; more recently, she has served as an executive
10 director and as deputy chief of strategic initiatives for Dallas
11 ISD, the 14th largest school system in the country; and

12 WHEREAS, This dynamic educator was integral in designing,
13 launching, and leading one of largest implementations of the
14 Pathways in Technology Early College High School programs in the
15 nation; she participated in the Harvard Principals Institute in
16 2009 and has delivered presentations to local, state, and national
17 conferences about the importance of access, advocacy, equity, and
18 excellence; in 2020, she was named the best K-12 Education Leader by
19 The Edvocate, and she was also honored as Teacher of the Year in
20 1998 and as Cedar Hill ISD Principal of the Year for 2008-2009;
21 moreover, she has been recognized by organizations such as the
22 Future School Leaders Network, the NAACP, the Garland Club of the
23 National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's
24 Clubs, the Texas PTA, and Raise Your Hand Texas; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Rodgers holds a bachelor's degree from Missouri
2 State University and a master's degree and doctorate from The
3 University of Texas at Austin; active in her community, she is a
4 member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and the National
5 Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.; and

6 WHEREAS, Through her myriad contributions to education,
7 Dr. Usamah Rodgers has made a positive difference in the lives of
8 countless young Texans, and it is a privilege to join in recognizing
9 an individual who has long been a force for good in her community;
10 now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Usamah Rodgers on her receipt
13 of a 2023 Outstanding Texan Award for House District 111 from the
14 Texas Legislative Black Caucus and extend to her sincere best
15 wishes for the future; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for Dr. Rodgers as an expression of high regard by the
18 Texas House of Representatives.