

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Mary L. Thomas of Austin truly merits special
2 recognition for 30 years of outstanding service to the betterment
3 of education in the State of Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, A former special education teacher and middle school
5 principal, Dr. Thomas currently serves as coordinator for state and
6 federal programs for the Austin Independent School District, where
7 she oversees the development of and compliance with federal and
8 state entitlement grants; and

9 WHEREAS, Also an education consultant, this dedicated
10 professional holds bachelor's and master's degrees in special and
11 elementary education from East Texas State University and a
12 doctorate in educational administration from Texas A&M University;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas has shared her considerable expertise
15 with such state and national organizations and conferences as the
16 National Title I Conference, the Texas Southern University Summer
17 Institute, the Texas Safe and Drug-Free Schools Conference, the
18 National School Conference Institute, and the American Educational
19 Research Association, and she has made presentations on topics that
20 include "21st Century Parenting," "Infusing Culture into the
21 Curriculum," "Gifted Girls," and "Private/Non-Private Schools";
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Currently president-elect of the Texas Alliance of
24 Black School Educators, Dr. Thomas has served as chair of the

1 National Title I Parents Coalition Conference and also serves as
2 regional director and secretary for the Association of Compensatory
3 Educators of Texas and as chair of the board of trustees for Greater
4 Calvary Schools; and

5 WHEREAS, A great source of inspiration to all who are
6 privileged to know her, this exemplary educator has made a lasting
7 contribution to education in our state, and her continuing efforts
8 are indeed worthy of our highest praise and recognition; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas,
11 4th Called Session, commend Dr. Mary L. Thomas for her many years of
12 service in the field of education and extend to her best wishes for
13 the future; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 10

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 10 was adopted by the House on May 11, 2004, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House