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H.R. No. 122

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The members of the I Am That I Am Academy Senior
2 Class of 2004 truly merit special recognition on the occasion of
3 their graduation from that fine institution on May 28, 2004; and

4 WHEREAS, The exceptional young men and women who compose the
5 school's senior class may proudly reflect on their many
6 accomplishments as they stand on the threshold of a future bright
7 with promise; those graduation candidates include Willie Cooks,
8 Jr., Martavius Curry, Latoya Fisher, Velma Fisher, Corey Gee, Keith
9 Hemphill, Montoya Jackson, Montrell Jackson, Michael Johnson,
10 Brandon Jones, Cherika Jones, LaTarry Kellum, Dexter Lewis, Tristan
11 Osby, Ashley Thomas, and Robin Williams; and

12 WHEREAS, In the mid-1980s, Delores Beall set out to help the
13 youth of the Oak Cliff community in south Dallas who were exposed to
14 the dangers of drugs, street gangs, and vandalism; with monthly
15 donations from concerned citizens, she organized the I Am That I Am
16 Training Center, where she transported neighborhood children and
17 teenagers in the evenings for after-school tutoring; in 1998, Ms.
18 Beall's program received accreditation by the Texas State Board of
19 Education as the I Am That I Am Academy of Fine Arts, Science and
20 Technology Charter Public School, with a stated mission of
21 empowering children and youth with the skills and tools of today to
22 become part of the technology workforce for the 21st century; and

23 WHEREAS, The 16 graduating seniors of the Dallas school faced
24 significant challenges when they began their education, but with

1 hard work, determination, and the support of their families and a
2 dedicated faculty and staff, they have reached their goal of
3 attaining a high school diploma, and it is a privilege to honor this
4 future generation of leaders; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
6 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby congratulate the I Am That
7 I Am graduating seniors of 2004 and extend to the students sincere
8 best wishes for continued success in all of their endeavors; and, be
9 it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for the class as an expression of high regard by the Texas
12 House of Representatives.