

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Margaret L. Forde of Houston has been honored
2 with an award for her contributions to education from the Acres Home
3 Citizens Chamber of Commerce; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Forde has served as president of Northeast
5 College, a member of the Houston Community College System (HCCS),
6 since 1997; during a career of more than 30 years in higher
7 education, she has also taught at Wichita State University, Bethany
8 College, the University of Houston, and Texas Southern University;
9 before accepting her present post, she served HCCS as an instructor
10 of English and held a variety of administrative positions within
11 that system; and

12 WHEREAS, A highly productive scholar, Dr. Forde has published
13 over 100 articles, coauthored several resource workbooks, and
14 developed a method to assess the attitudes of teachers toward
15 diverse student populations; she is also the coauthor of the first
16 textbook to elaborate a process by which high school students can
17 simultaneously earn high school and college credit; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Forde has worked extensively with agencies and
19 organizations concerned with higher education; among these have
20 been the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Texas Higher
21 Education Coordinating Board, and Houston Higher Education
22 Coordinating Council; she recently completed a term on the National
23 Academy of Science's National Research Advisory Council, and she
24 currently serves as a commissioner on global education for the

1 American Association of Community Colleges; and

2 WHEREAS, Over the years, Dr. Forde has garnered many
3 well-deserved accolades, including the W. E. B. DuBois Award for
4 Higher Education from the National Alliance of Black School
5 Educators; in 2000 she received an appointment from the Office of
6 the Governor as a senior education advisor for the State of Texas;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan earned a bachelor's and a
9 master's degree from Wichita State University and a doctorate in
10 education from the University of Houston; she has participated in
11 the Presidents Academy of the American Association of Community
12 Colleges and has received certificates in international relations
13 and in urban and regional planning from Oxford University and
14 Kansas State University, respectively; and

15 WHEREAS, Northeast College and the Houston Community College
16 System have gained immeasurably from Dr. Forde's incisive
17 leadership, deep experience, and unwavering commitment to the
18 mission of those institutions, and it is indeed a pleasure to join
19 in recognizing her manifold contributions and achievements; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
22 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby congratulate Dr. Margaret
23 L. Forde on her recognition by the Acres Home Citizens Chamber of
24 Commerce and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
25 success in all her endeavors; and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
27 prepared for Dr. Forde as an expression of high regard by the Texas

H.R. No. 217

1 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 217 was adopted by the House on May 17, 2004, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House