

By: Dutton

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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

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1 House of Representatives.