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H.C.R. No. 48

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Having exemplified the highest standards of the  
2 teaching profession, Sonya Blackwell Smith of the Dunbar 6th Grade  
3 Center in Fort Worth has been named an Academic Chair for Teaching  
4 Excellence in English; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Smith was honored during a luncheon at the  
6 Petroleum Club and received a \$5,000 honorarium for her selection  
7 as the English teaching chair sponsored by Bank One; and

8 WHEREAS, Chosen by business and community leaders after  
9 undergoing a rigorous selection process, recipients of this  
10 prestigious honor are recognized for their dedication, innovative  
11 classroom activities, and willingness to seek professional  
12 development opportunities that will further improve their teaching  
13 skills; and

14 WHEREAS, Created in 1994 by Tandy Corporation/Radio Shack to  
15 acknowledge the expertise of area teachers in math and science, the  
16 teaching chair program has expanded throughout the years as more  
17 sponsors have come forward to recognize other fields of education;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Through her professional excellence and commitment,  
20 Ms. Smith has shown herself to be an outstanding educator, and she  
21 truly deserves special commendation from the State of Texas; now,  
22 therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas  
24 hereby congratulate Sonya Blackwell Smith on being selected as an

1 Academic Chair for Teaching Excellence in English and extend to her  
2 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

3       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
4 prepared for Ms. Smith as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
5 House of Representatives and Senate.