

By: Dutton

H.R. No. 83

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Deryl M. Hurd of Houston has been chosen to receive
2 an Outstanding Texan award by the Texas Legislative Black Caucus in
3 recognition of her many notable professional contributions in the
4 field of education; and

5 WHEREAS, The Outstanding Texan award was created to honor
6 individuals who have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to
7 improving, developing, and enriching the lives of others; and

8 WHEREAS, Highly respected by her colleagues, Mrs. Hurd has
9 enjoyed a career spanning nearly three decades with the Houston
10 Independent School District; she has benefited young Texans through
11 her work in numerous capacities, including those of speech
12 therapist, special education teacher and supervisor, and dean of
13 instruction, and she brings this wealth of experience to her
14 current post as principal of Pleasantville Elementary School; and

15 WHEREAS, This distinguished educator earned a bachelor's
16 degree in speech pathology and audiology and a master's degree in
17 educational leadership, both from the University of Houston; she
18 holds certification in speech and language therapy, language and
19 learning disabilities, and early childhood education for the
20 handicapped child; and

21 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hurd's many professional affiliations include
22 the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association, of
23 which she is second vice president for the 2002-2003 school year;
24 she is also a member of the Houston Association of School

1 Administrators, National Association of Elementary School
2 Principals, Houston Educator's Exchange, and the Principals'
3 Leadership Academy; and

4 WHEREAS, In all her endeavors, Mrs. Hurd enjoys the support
5 of her family, including her husband, Donald, and her daughter,
6 Christine Nicole Mitchell; a valued member of the Church of Christ,
7 she enjoys spending time with her loved ones and takes pleasure in
8 photography, travel, arts and crafts, and reading; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hurd's commitment to her profession has greatly
10 enhanced the lives of countless individuals, and it is indeed
11 appropriate that she receive special recognition at this time; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
14 Legislature hereby congratulate Deryl M. Hurd on being named an
15 Outstanding Texan by the Texas Legislative Black Caucus and extend
16 to her sincere best wishes for success and happiness in her future
17 endeavors; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for Mrs. Hurd as an expression of high regard by the Texas
20 House of Representatives.