

By: Wong

H.R. No. 1020

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Bernadine M. Jones has been named the 2003 Special
2 Education Teacher of the Year for the Houston Independent School
3 District Central District as well as Lamar High School's 2003
4 Special Education Teacher of the Year; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones earned a bachelor of business
6 administration degree and a master's degree in counseling and
7 guidance from Texas Southern University and her doctorate in law
8 from TSU's Thurgood Marshall School of Law; she is a member of the
9 State Bar of Texas; and

10 WHEREAS, Embarking on her classroom career in 1999, initially
11 in the role of a substitute teacher, Ms. Jones attained her teaching
12 certification through HISD's alternative certification program,
13 and today she is deeply committed to her students and to making a
14 difference in the classroom; this outstanding teacher does whatever
15 is required to inspire the best from each young man and young woman
16 in her classroom, and her effective teaching style employs generous
17 amounts of respect, praise, compassion, humor, and love; and

18 WHEREAS, In addition to her classroom responsibilities, Ms.
19 Jones further contributes her valuable skills to the district's
20 ASPIRE Reading Program and the Best Buddies Program at Lamar High
21 School, which pairs students with disabilities with their
22 nondisabled counterparts; moreover, she works with seniors in the
23 special education department to help ensure their participation in
24 senior class activities through coordination with the school's

1 student assistance program; and

2 WHEREAS, Formerly active with the Boy Scouts of America,
3 which trained her as a scout leader, she conducted merit badge
4 classes in law, served as troop treasurer, and attained the Wood
5 Badge rank; and

6 WHEREAS, Bernadine Jones's outstanding leadership and
7 untiring devotion to the youth of her community have truly enhanced
8 the lives of her neighbors and fellow citizens, and she is most
9 deserving of special recognition on the occasion of her recent
10 honors; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
12 Legislature hereby commend Bernadine M. Jones on being named the
13 2003 Special Education Teacher of the Year for the Houston
14 Independent School District Central District and the 2003 Special
15 Education Teacher of the Year for Lamar High School, and extend to
16 her warmest best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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