

By: Jones of Dallas

H.R. No. 227

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Willie Forestina Hicks Cornelius of Dallas has been
2 selected as the recipient of a 2005 Outstanding Texan Award in the
3 area of religion by the Texas Legislative Black Caucus; and

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

7 WHEREAS, Born in Uniontown, Alabama, Mrs. Cornelius attended
8 Leland College, Dunbar Junior College in Little Rock, Arkansas, and
9 Bishop College; her long and successful tenure as a teacher began
10 shortly after her graduation from high school, when her parents
11 opened a spare room in their house to a kindergarten class; her
12 first official assignment was in Greenwood, Louisiana, where she
13 met her future husband, the Reverend Ulysses Sidney Cornelius; and

14 WHEREAS, This noteworthy educator has taught in Shreveport,
15 Bonham, Marshall, Wichita Falls, and Dallas, and in 1973, she was
16 awarded the H. Ross Perot Award for Excellence in Teaching; a woman
17 of deep faith, she has combined her love of teaching with her
18 spiritual beliefs to become an active voice in her church
19 community; and

20 WHEREAS, A dedicated servant of God, Mrs. Cornelius has
21 earned the respect of her friends, family, and colleagues through
22 her exceptional service to the city of Dallas, and she is truly
23 worthy of this special recognition; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas

1 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby honor Willie Forestina
2 Hicks Cornelius for being named the recipient of a 2005 Outstanding
3 Texan Award by the Texas Legislative Black Caucus and extend to her
4 sincere best wishes for continued success and fulfillment; and, be
5 it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for Mrs. Cornelius as an expression of high regard by the
8 Texas House of Representatives.