

By: Jones of Dallas

H.R. No. 228

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Coach Ellis Davis, Jr., and Betty Joe Davis of  
2 Dallas have been selected as the recipients of a 2005 Outstanding  
3 Texan Award in the area of education by the Texas Legislative Black  
4 Caucus; and

5           WHEREAS, Outstanding Texans are honored for the positive  
6 impact they have made in their communities, and this couple's  
7 myriad contributions as educators have truly enhanced the lives of  
8 many individuals in the Dallas area; and

9           WHEREAS, For three decades, Coach Davis served the Dallas  
10 Independent School District as a physical education teacher and  
11 coach at the elementary, middle, and high school levels; he earned  
12 his bachelor's degree in physical education from Bishop College and  
13 his master's degree in education from the University of North  
14 Texas; and

15           WHEREAS, This noteworthy Texan spent more than 20 years as an  
16 athletic coach at Roosevelt High School, where he earned an  
17 outstanding 641 wins and consistently led his basketball teams to  
18 the top 10; he is the recipient of numerous awards, including  
19 induction into the Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame and the Texas  
20 African American Coaches Association Hall of Honor; and

21           WHEREAS, Like her husband, Betty Joe Davis is committed to  
22 nurturing the lives of young people, and she enjoyed a successful  
23 tenure as a teacher with DISD; a graduate of Booker T. Washington  
24 High School, she earned her bachelor's degree from Prairie View A&M

1 University and her master's degree in education from North Texas  
2 State University; and

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Davis is an active member of her community and  
4 has volunteered for a host of civic organizations, including the  
5 American Cancer Society, the YWCA, the C. A. W. Legal Clinic, and  
6 the African American Museum; she is a lifetime member of the  
7 National and State Parent Teacher Associations and has received  
8 countless honors for her service and excellence in teaching; a  
9 woman of deep faith, she has dedicated herself to many activities at  
10 Good Street Baptist Church, where she has volunteered for  
11 missionary service and taught Sunday school; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Davis are devoted parents and  
13 grandparents, and they have earned the respect and admiration of  
14 family, friends, and colleagues through their exceptional and  
15 inspirational service to their community; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
17 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby honor Coach Ellis Davis,  
18 Jr., and Betty Joe Davis for being named the recipients of a 2005  
19 Outstanding Texan Award by the Texas Legislative Black Caucus in  
20 the area of education and extend to them sincere best wishes for  
21 continued success and happiness; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Davis as an expression of high regard by  
24 the Texas House of Representatives.