

By: Jones of Dallas

H.R. No. 237

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Trudie Kibbe Reed will serve as guest speaker at
2 the Mary McLeod Bethune Recognition Program on September 24, 2005,
3 bringing her experience, expertise, and student-centered
4 leadership for the benefit of those in attendance at this special
5 event; and

6 WHEREAS, The fifth president of Bethune-Cookman College, and
7 the first woman to hold that office since founder Dr. Mary McLeod
8 Bethune established the school in 1931, Dr. Reed recently
9 celebrated her one-year anniversary as school president; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Reed's resume is truly impressive and includes
11 positions with the Council of Independent Colleges, UNCF, and the
12 United Methodist Foundation of the General Council of Finance and
13 Administration; moreover, she served 18 years as a senior level
14 administrator with the United Methodist Church, during which time
15 she oversaw numerous important initiatives; and

16 WHEREAS, This esteemed educator holds a bachelor's degree in
17 sociology and a master of science in social work from The University
18 of Texas at Austin; she has also earned a master's and a doctoral
19 degree in adult and higher education from Columbia University; and

20 WHEREAS, A former member of the U.S. President's White House
21 Advisory Board for Historically Black Colleges, Dr. Reed was a
22 tenured professor at Columbia College of South Carolina from 1994
23 to 1998 and also served as dean of the Leadership Institute; in
24 addition, she taught in the doctoral program at United Theological

1 Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, and in the master's conflict resolution
2 program at Antioch University in Ohio; and

3 WHEREAS, During her tenure as the first woman president of
4 Philander Smith College in Little Rock, Arkansas, Dr. Reed broke
5 all school fund-raising records, a tribute to her visionary
6 leadership and magnetic personality; already, she has demonstrated
7 a clearly defined plan for the future of Bethune-Cookman College,
8 and she will undoubtedly continue to achieve greatness in all her
9 pursuits; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
11 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby recognize Dr. Trudie Kibbe
12 Reed on her selection as guest speaker at the Mary McLeod Bethune
13 Recognition Program and commend her for her myriad accomplishments
14 in the field of education; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for Dr. Reed as an expression of high regard by the Texas
17 House of Representatives.