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H.R. No. 784

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, After more than four decades as an educator, Wanda
2 Smith is retiring as superintendent of Keene Independent School
3 District in May 2006, and this personal and professional milestone
4 offers an opportunity to recognize her for her many achievements;
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6 WHEREAS, A graduate of Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska,
7 Mrs. Smith received her master's degree from Texas Christian
8 University and did doctoral work at Texas Woman's University; and

9 WHEREAS, Over the course of her career, she served as a
10 teacher, counselor, and assistant principal before becoming one of
11 the first women to serve as superintendent of a Texas school
12 district, and she has brought to each of these roles her
13 characteristic intelligence and integrity; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith was the first female to serve as
15 president of the Texas Association of Community Schools; she has
16 served on the Texas Association of School Administrators executive
17 committee and on the advisory board of the *Texas School Business*
18 magazine, and she was named a Keene Chamber of Commerce Educator of
19 the Year for 2005; and

20 WHEREAS, Young people are the Lone Star State's most precious
21 resource, and those Texans who dedicate themselves to their
22 education are truly deserving of our profound gratitude and
23 admiration; now, therefore, be it

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

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1 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor Wanda Smith on the
2 occasion of her retirement as Keene ISD superintendent and extend
3 to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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