

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The year 2005 marks the retirement of John  
2 Washington as a trustee of the Mansfield school board, drawing to a  
3 close a distinguished nine-year tenure; and

4           WHEREAS, A graduate of Bishop College in Marshall, Mr.  
5 Washington has spent 46 years in education, serving as a teacher and  
6 counselor and retiring in 1990 as a principal; in 1995, when Mr.  
7 Washington attended a Mansfield town hall meeting to discuss  
8 financial difficulties facing the district, he was noticed for his  
9 eloquence and intelligence; a parent invited him to attend a  
10 meeting with school district employees, his pastor, and others,  
11 and they asked him to run for the school board; and

12           WHEREAS, Mr. Washington has made numerous significant  
13 contributions to the district; serving on the board when the  
14 student population grew from 10,000 to 23,000, Mr. Washington has  
15 consistently proven himself to be a guiding light through some of  
16 the murkiest issues facing school leaders, and his insightful and  
17 articulate explanation of even the most difficult concepts will be  
18 sorely missed; and

19           WHEREAS, For nearly a decade, Mr. Washington has served on  
20 the Mansfield board of trustees with integrity and dedication,  
21 earning the lasting respect of all who have been privileged to know  
22 and work with him, and it is a pleasure to recognize his exemplary  
23 service; now, therefore, be it

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

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1 Legislature hereby honor John Washington on his retirement as a  
2 member of the Mansfield school district board of trustees and  
3 extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 779 was adopted by the House on March 31, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House