

By: Davis of Dallas

H.R. No. 885

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of founder and director Rheta
2 Norman, the Rites of Passage Program for Girls, Inc., has provided
3 an effective course of study for young women of Dallas in their
4 transition from adolescence to adulthood; and

5 WHEREAS, The program encourages its students to adopt
6 lifelong traits that exemplify Christian values, an appreciation
7 for their cultural heritage, community involvement, and positive
8 self-esteem; and

9 WHEREAS, Established in 1998, ROPP's primary goal is to
10 develop young women of character, and each participant enters the
11 program at the sixth-grade level and continues for a seven-year
12 course of study; its guidance includes instruction in many diverse
13 areas including public speaking, organizational skills, money
14 management, art appreciation, family and cultural history, and
15 journal writing; and

16 WHEREAS, The program's current participants include: Amber
17 Bedford, Alexia McMillan, Neachelle Parkma, Monica Rushing,
18 Aleasia Simms, Charmante Taylor, Asia Thomas, Marcia Thomas, and
19 Brittaney Whitfield; and

20 WHEREAS, Offering a unique opportunity for young women to
21 develop new skills outside the pressures of school demands and
22 social activities, the program is an asset to the city of Dallas and
23 merits special commendation for its community efforts; now,
24 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
2 Legislature hereby honor the Rites of Passage Program for Girls,
3 Inc., and extend to Rheta Norman and all those associated with this
4 noteworthy organization sincere best wishes for continued
5 accomplishment; and, be it further

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