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H.R. No. 1229

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Rosie Collins Sorrells is being inducted into  
2 the African American Education Archives and History Program  
3 Educators Hall of Fame in Dallas on April 23, 2005; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded in 2001, the program was initiated by the  
5 Dallas Regional, National Alliance of Black School Educators and  
6 the African American Museum to create a repository of artifacts,  
7 documents, and visual images that chronicle the African American  
8 experience in Dallas County and to pay tribute to individuals such  
9 as Dr. Sorrells who have made significant contributions to African  
10 American education in Dallas; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Sorrells began her more than 40-year career in  
12 education as a classroom teacher and advanced through  
13 administrative positions of increasing responsibility to become  
14 the director of early childhood education for the Dallas  
15 Independent School District in 1978; in this pivotal role, she  
16 positively affected thousands of students, parents, teachers, and  
17 administrators by developing curriculum guides and strategies; and

18 WHEREAS, Following her retirement from DISD in 1993, Dr.  
19 Sorrells was elected to the State Board of Education for District 13  
20 and served two four-year terms; she created the board's slogan of  
21 "Working for Children, Building our Future," and, as a board  
22 member, helped establish education policy, set goals and standards  
23 for education programs, adopt textbooks, and establish curriculum  
24 and learning materials; moreover, she served as board secretary and

1 vice chair for the Committee on Education, and mentored new members  
2 of the board; and

3 WHEREAS, This outstanding educator has further benefited  
4 schoolchildren by teaching and working with Head Start and the Home  
5 Instruction Program for Pre-School Youngsters, as well as serving  
6 on the 1991 National Goals Panel, where she worked to define  
7 objectives and measures of progress for the U.S. Department of  
8 Education; she continues to be a highly sought-after educational  
9 consultant and speaker; and

10 WHEREAS, An inspiration to all who are privileged to know  
11 her, Rosie Collins Sorrells may take great pride in the profound  
12 difference she has made in Dallas and beyond, as her efforts have  
13 truly enhanced the lives of countless Texans; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
15 Legislature hereby congratulate Rosie Collins Sorrells on her  
16 induction into the African American Education Archives and History  
17 Program Educators Hall of Fame and extend to her sincere best wishes  
18 for the future; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
20 prepared for Dr. Sorrells as an expression of high regard by the  
21 Texas House of Representatives.