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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Sam Tasby is being inducted into the African
2 American Education Archives and History Program Educators Hall of
3 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 Mr. Tasby who have made significant contributions to African
10 American education in Dallas; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Tasby's efforts to bring about positive social
12 change began in the early 1970s; while more than 15 years had passed
13 since the historic Brown v. Board of Education case overturned the
14 "separate but equal" doctrine, Mr. Tasby's children were still
15 forced to attend an all-black school miles from their home even
16 though two white schools were closer; and

17 WHEREAS, Joined by other plaintiffs, Mr. Tasby filed a suit
18 accusing the Dallas Independent School District of continuing to
19 use a dual school system prohibited by law; despite many attempts to
20 dissuade him, Mr. Tasby remained steadfast in his pursuit of
21 justice for his and other African American children, and the
22 lawsuit eventually enforced court oversight of the Dallas ISD; and

23 WHEREAS, This loving father's efforts resulted in more than
24 three decades of work by the district to ensure educational

1 equality for all of its students, and in 2003, the desegregation
2 order was finally lifted; and

3 WHEREAS, An inspiration to all who are privileged to know
4 him, Sam Tasby may take great pride in the profound difference he
5 has made in Dallas and beyond as his efforts have truly enhanced the
6 lives of countless Texans; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Sam Tasby on his induction into the
9 African American Education Archives and History Program Educators
10 Hall of Fame and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future;
11 and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Mr. Tasby as an expression of high regard by the Texas
14 House of Representatives.