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H.R. No. 1405

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Shirley Jane Rollins, principal of J. C. Rugel
2 Elementary School in Mesquite, has deservedly been named the 2007
3 Mesquite Independent School District Principal of the Year; and

4 WHEREAS, The fourth of six children of Bert and Inez Rollins,
5 Shirley Rollins was born in Sulphur Springs on July 14, 1942; and

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Rollins began her own education in a one-room
7 school house in Ridgeway before moving with her family to Sulphur
8 Springs, where she attended local schools and graduated from high
9 school in 1959 at the age of 16; she went on to earn a bachelor's
10 degree from East Texas State University three years later, and,
11 since state law prohibited her from teaching here until she was 21,
12 she traveled to Oklahoma and taught there for two years; and

13 WHEREAS, She has been affiliated with Mesquite ISD since the
14 early 1960s, when she was hired as a teacher at the age of 21, and
15 she has excelled in her roles as both educator and administrator
16 during her illustrious four-decade tenure; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1966, Ms. Rollins added a master's degree in
18 education from East Texas State University to her growing list of
19 academic achievements; she has been recognized by *Who's Who Among*
20 *America's Teachers* and is also a member of the district's Apple
21 Corps Teachers; and

22 WHEREAS, As a teacher, assistant principal, and principal,
23 Shirley Jane Rollins has demonstrated remarkable devotion to
24 children and their education; she gains inspiration from her

1 beloved nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews, and her
2 dedication to excellence in education is indeed exemplary; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Shirley Jane Rollins on her
6 selection as the 2007 Mesquite Independent School District
7 Principal of the Year and commend her for her exceptional efforts in
8 support of the young people of Mesquite; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for Ms. Rollins as an expression of high regard by the
11 Texas House of Representatives.