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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Denise D. Harris has been named a winner of the 2007
2 Outstanding Texan Award in the category of education by the Texas
3 Legislative Black Caucus; and

4 WHEREAS, Outstanding Texans are honored for the positive
5 impact they make in their communities, and the dedicated service
6 that Ms. Harris has provided as an educator has greatly enhanced the
7 lives of many individuals in the Dallas area; and

8 WHEREAS, A graduate of Clarksdale High School, Ms. Harris
9 earned an associate's degree from Coahoma Junior College, where she
10 served as secretary of Phi Beta Lambda, vice president of the
11 Student Government Association, and editor-in-chief of *The*
12 *Coahoman* yearbook and *The Coahoma Tribune* student newspaper; she
13 went on to earn a bachelor of science degree in business
14 administration from Mississippi Valley State University and is
15 currently studying for her master's degree in education at Texas
16 A&M University; and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. Harris teaches reading at W. H. Atwell Middle
18 School Academy and further serves the institution as coordinator of
19 the UIL academic program and the National Junior Honor Society and
20 as chair of the new teachers' support committee; and

21 WHEREAS, Recognized for her exceptional efforts in behalf of
22 her students, Ms. Harris was named Atwell's 2005-2006 Teacher of
23 the Year; and

24 WHEREAS, She also shares her time with a number of

1 professional organizations, including the International Reading
2 Association, Concerned Educators for Black Students, and
3 Alliance/AFT; and

4 WHEREAS, Denise Harris stands as an inspiring example of how
5 one person can better a community through professional dedication,
6 and the Outstanding Texan commendation is a fitting recognition of
7 her exemplary achievements; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Denise D. Harris on receiving a
10 2007 Outstanding Texan Award from the Texas Legislative Black
11 Caucus and extend to her best wishes for further success; and, be it
12 further

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