

By: Davis of Dallas

H.R. No. 1651

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Mary Elizabeth Dotson Beck has been named a
2 winner of the 2007 Outstanding Texan Award in the category of
3 education by the Texas 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 Dr. Beck has provided as an educator and civic leader has
7 greatly enhanced the lives of many individuals in the Dallas area;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, A graduate of Wiley College, Dr. Beck earned a
10 master of arts degree from Southern Methodist University and a
11 master's degree in administration and supervision from Prairie View
12 A&M University; she went on to gain certification in teaching the
13 mentally challenged from Texas Woman's University and in elementary
14 education from North Texas State University, as well as doctorates
15 in ministry and leadership from Vision International University;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Beck taught sixth-graders in the Dallas
18 Independent School District for more than four decades before her
19 retirement in 2002, and her outstanding work earned her a host of
20 awards; named Umphrey Lee Elementary School's Teacher of the Year,
21 VFW Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year, and Educator of the
22 Year at Paul Quinn College, she has received the Yvonne Ewell First
23 Achievement Award in Teaching, the Black Chamber of Commerce James
24 A. Gates Excellence in Education Award, and the Juanita Craft

1 Achievement Award in the Field of Education from the NAACP; and

2 WHEREAS, She has shared her talents with a number of
3 professional and civic groups; a life member of Zeta Phi Beta
4 Sorority, Texas Classroom Association, Kiwanis Club of Downtown
5 Dallas, Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers, and Oak Cliff
6 Business and Professional Women, she is a charter life member of the
7 National Alumni Associations of both Wiley College and Paul Quinn
8 College and the Upsilon Nu Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Beck has also volunteered her time to benefit
11 the March of Dimes, American Cancer Association, Veterans of
12 Foreign Wars, American Heart Association, and United Way of Greater
13 Dallas; her contributions have earned her recognition as one of the
14 top 10 Outstanding Black Women in Dallas by *The Dallas Post Tribune*,
15 as well as the Laurel Achievement Award from the American
16 Association of University Women and the Dr. Barbara West Carpenter
17 Volunteer Award; and

18 WHEREAS, Mary Beck stands as an inspiring example of how one
19 person can better a community through professional dedication and
20 civic activism, and the Outstanding Texan commendation is a fitting
21 recognition of her exemplary achievements; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
23 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Mary Elizabeth Dotson Beck on
24 receiving a 2007 Outstanding Texan Award from the Texas Legislative
25 Black Caucus and extend to her best wishes for further success; and,
26 be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for Dr. Beck as an expression of high regard by the Texas
3 House of Representatives.