

By: Dutton

H.R. No. 2543

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Shirley Burks Howard is retiring from the Houston
2 Independent School District on May 23, 2007, concluding more than
3 three decades of exemplary service to the teaching profession; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Shreveport, Louisiana, Ms. Howard earned
5 a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Grambling State
6 University and went on to earn a master's degree from Texas Southern
7 University; she spent the first half of her career as a special
8 education teacher for North Forest ISD and most recently served as a
9 life skills teacher for Ethel R. Coop Elementary School in Houston;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Active in her community, Ms. Howard is a member of
12 the NAACP, the National Women of Achievement--Houston Chapter, the
13 Council of Exceptional Children, the Museum of Fine Arts, and the
14 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; moreover, she serves as a board member
15 of the Ensemble Theatre and the Houston Area Alliance of Black
16 School Educators, and she is an enthusiastic supporter of the
17 Rosewood Civic Club; and

18 WHEREAS, Ms. Howard has enjoyed nearly 45 years of marriage
19 to her husband, Lester Howard, and she takes great pride in her
20 children, Jacqueline Peevy and Lester D. Howard, and her five
21 grandchildren, Brandon, Jayden, Marque, Devoris, and Cameron; she
22 is a valued congregant of Bethany Baptist Church, where she shares
23 her time and talents with the mission board and the mission choir;
24 and

1 WHEREAS, Shirley Burks Howard has earned a special place in
2 the hearts of many students, parents, and colleagues through the
3 years, and it is indeed fitting to recognize her outstanding tenure
4 and the lasting contributions she has made to the lives of countless
5 young Texans; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
7 Legislature hereby congratulate Shirley Burks Howard on the
8 occasion of her retirement from the Houston Independent School
9 District and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
10 success and happiness; and, be it further

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