

By: McClendon

H.R. No. 362

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Rosemary Deen of San Antonio received a 2009 Spirit
2 Award in the field of Education and Community Involvement from the
3 San Antonio Metropolitan Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded in 1964, Top Ladies of Distinction is a
5 professional and humanitarian organization that sponsors programs
6 for youth and seniors and that works to improve the status of women;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Rosemary Hubert Deen, a native of Brenham, earned
9 her bachelor's degree from Tillotson College and her master's
10 degree in elementary education from Prairie View A&M University;
11 she has pursued further studies at Texas Southern University, the
12 University of Houston, the University of Utah, and The University
13 of Texas at Austin; and

14 WHEREAS, Over the course of a distinguished 36-year career in
15 Texas schools, Mrs. Deen excelled as a classroom instructor and
16 drew extracurricular assignments that were a testament to the
17 esteem in which she was held; while working for the Bay City
18 Independent School District, she served as one of three teachers on
19 a five-person committee to help the district plan for integration,
20 and during her employment with the San Antonio Independent School
21 District, where she taught at Dorie Miller and Elma Neal Elementary
22 Schools, she served two terms as her school's representative to the
23 San Antonio Teachers Council; and

24 WHEREAS, Throughout her life, Mrs. Deen has also provided

1 leadership in her community, working with such worthwhile
2 organizations as the Foster Grandparent Advisory Board, the
3 National Coalition of 100 Black Women, the Dellcrest Area
4 Neighborhood Association, and the Progressive Women's Club;
5 moreover, she has co-chaired the advisory council of the Eastside
6 Boys and Girls Club, as well as a charity golf tournament that
7 raises funds for scholarships; this pattern of engagement was
8 encouraged during her student days by her sorority, Alpha Kappa
9 Alpha, and in 2006 that group named her Golden Soror of the Year for
10 the south central region; and

11 WHEREAS, A woman of strong religious faith, Mrs. Deen is an
12 active member of Second Baptist Church, where she has served as a
13 church teller, as secretary of the Finance Committee, and as chair
14 of the Charity Committee; in 2008, she was elected treasurer of the
15 Women's Department of the Progressive National Baptist Convention;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Through her long career in education and her many
18 efforts in behalf of others, Rosemary Deen has set an inspiring
19 example of professional achievement and civic engagement, and in so
20 doing, she has earned the deep respect and admiration of her
21 community; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
23 Legislature hereby congratulate Rosemary Deen on her receipt of a
24 2009 Spirit Award from the San Antonio Metropolitan Chapter of Top
25 Ladies of Distinction and extend to her sincere best wishes for
26 continued success and happiness; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for Mrs. Deen as an expression of high regard by the Texas
2 House of Representatives.