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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Paula Harris was chosen to serve as president of the
2 Houston Independent School District Board of Education in 2011; and

3 WHEREAS, A graduate of Texas A&M University with a degree in
4 petroleum engineering, Ms. Harris has had a distinguished 20-year
5 career in the oil industry; she is director of community affairs for
6 Schlumberger and the author of *For Sister: The Guide for*
7 *Professional Black Women* and a children's book, *When I Grow Up I*
8 *Want to Be an Engineer*; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Harris has earned a number of honors for her
10 exceptional work, including the Women of Color in Technology award
11 and a place on the Black Engineer's "50 Who Make a Difference" and
12 "Key Women in Energy" lists; in addition, she was appointed to the
13 Texas Energy Planning Council and has recently been named to the
14 board of directors for Space Center Houston, where she will chair
15 the education subcommittee; and

16 WHEREAS, Dedicated to giving back to her fellow residents,
17 she has shared her time with the boards of Project Row Houses, the
18 Buffalo Bayou Partnership, the Julia C. Hester House, the Menil
19 Collection Development Committee, and Mental Health America of
20 Greater Houston; and

21 WHEREAS, Public education is an endeavor in which all Texans
22 have a stake, and through her impressive achievements as a business
23 and community leader, Paula Harris brings invaluable experience and
24 insight to her new responsibilities; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
2 Legislature hereby congratulate Paula Harris on being elected
3 president of the Houston Independent School District Board of
4 Education and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
5 success in her important work; and, be it further

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