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H.R. No. 972

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Marian Thomas, the executive director and CEO of  
2 Communities in Schools of Galveston County, is making a meaningful  
3 difference in the lives of many area children and citizens; and

4 WHEREAS, Beginning as a volunteer with the organization 18  
5 years ago, Marian Thomas has led the Communities in Schools of  
6 Galveston County program for the past 13 years, and during that time  
7 she has motivated and inspired hundreds of students, parents,  
8 volunteers, and CIS staff members; known for her ability to unite  
9 all segments of the county population in order to achieve common  
10 goals, she has played an instrumental role in improving the  
11 academic performance, attendance, behavior, and social skills of  
12 area students; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Thomas supervises the efforts of CIS to provide  
14 at-risk students with supportive guidance, counseling, tutoring,  
15 college preparation, preemployment training, mentoring, and other  
16 needed services; in addition, she organizes workshops in which  
17 students have the opportunity to discuss important issues with  
18 community leaders or to meet with attorneys, judges, police  
19 officers, and other public servants to learn about the justice  
20 system; and

21 WHEREAS, Ably assisted in her endeavors by the many  
22 individuals with whom she has formed partnerships, Ms. Thomas has  
23 assembled an energetic and committed CIS board that includes  
24 business leaders, city council members, local school district and

1 church directors, and university representatives, among others;  
2 moreover, she is responsible for a yearly CIS fund-raiser that  
3 enjoys strong support in the community; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Thomas also shares her time and talents with  
5 Child Protective Services, the Galveston College Foundation Board  
6 of Directors, and Rotary International; she is a graduate of  
7 Leadership Galveston and an active member of Reedy Chapel African  
8 Methodist Episcopal Church, where she serves as steward and  
9 secretary; and

10 WHEREAS, A passionate proponent of education in the classroom  
11 and beyond, Marian Thomas has helped to set countless young Texans  
12 on the path to future achievement, and in so doing, she has served  
13 as an inspiring example to students and colleagues alike; now,  
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
16 Legislature hereby honor Marian Thomas for her service as the  
17 executive director and CEO of Communities in Schools of Galveston  
18 County and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success;  
19 and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
21 prepared for Ms. Thomas as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
22 House of Representatives.