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H.R. No. 1240

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Elaine Whitlock of Ed Hodges Elementary School has
2 been chosen by the Mesquite Independent School District Council of
3 PTAs as the 2010-2011 Elementary School Principal of the Year; and

4 WHEREAS, An educator for nearly four decades, Ms. Whitlock
5 has served as principal of Ed Hodges Elementary School since 1990;
6 she oversees various initiatives for the students and staff,
7 including campus reading celebrations and an intern and resident
8 program, and she created and implemented a Young Writer's Workshop
9 at her school; she regularly participates in development activities
10 covering such topics as conflict resolution and cooperative
11 learning, and she sits on committees addressing diversity,
12 disadvantaged students, and other issues; and

13 WHEREAS, A native of Decatur, Ms. Whitlock is from a family
14 of educators; her mother taught music, her father was a math teacher
15 and assistant principal, one of her daughters is a high school
16 counselor, and her other daughter is a middle school assistant
17 principal; Ms. Whitlock graduated from Mesquite High School and
18 Texas Tech University and earned a master's degree in education
19 from Texas A&M University--Commerce and a certificate in management
20 from Texas Woman's University; and

21 WHEREAS, Hired by the Mesquite Independent School District in
22 1969, she taught English at Walter L. Wilkinson Middle School and
23 English, government, and writing at Mesquite High School before
24 becoming an elementary school assistant principal in 1986; and

1 WHEREAS, In all of her endeavors, Ms. Whitlock enjoys the
2 love and support of her husband, Larry, and she takes great pride in
3 her two daughters, Leslie Noble and Kelly Long, and four
4 grandchildren, Scott, Jenna, Adam, and Abby; and

5 WHEREAS, The commitment to excellence that Elaine Whitlock
6 has brought to her efforts at Ed Hodges Elementary School has
7 inspired faculty, staff, and students alike, and she is helping
8 many young Texans to acquire the skills they will need to build
9 fulfilling and productive lives; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Elaine Whitlock on her selection as
12 the 2010-2011 Elementary School Principal of the Year by the
13 Mesquite Independent School District Council of PTAs and extend to
14 her sincere best wishes for continued success with her important
15 work; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for Ms. Whitlock as an expression of high regard by the
18 Texas House of Representatives.