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H.R. No. 1787

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Lorene Wallace, a teacher at Bryker Woods Elementary
2 School in the Austin Independent School District, has been
3 nominated for the 2010 Presidential Award for Excellence in
4 Mathematics and Science Teaching; and

5 WHEREAS, The nation's most prestigious honor for
6 kindergarten through 12th-grade math and science educators, this
7 accolade recognizes exceptional instructors for their
8 contributions in the classroom and for their ability to help
9 students succeed; Ms. Wallace, a first-grade teacher, is one of
10 three state finalists in the category of elementary mathematics;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, A native of Salina, Kansas, Lorene Wallace earned a
13 bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of
14 Nebraska--Lincoln and a master of business administration degree
15 from The University of Texas at Austin; she worked with Motorola in
16 Austin and Washington, D.C., and then returned to Austin, where she
17 spent five years as a stay-at-home mom; in time, she began
18 substitute teaching at her children's elementary school and also
19 teaching business classes at Austin Community College; and

20 WHEREAS, Having discovered a new vocation, Ms. Wallace
21 completed the Region XIII Educator Certification Program and began
22 her second career in 2004, teaching kindergarten at Becker
23 Elementary; she joined Bryker Woods Elementary in 2005, and in 2010
24 she was named its Teacher of the Year; and

1 WHEREAS, In all of her endeavors, Ms. Wallace enjoys the love
2 and support of her husband, Timothy Pellowski, whom she met on July
3 4, 1986, on the steps of the U.S. Capitol; they are the proud
4 parents of two sons, Aaron and Braden; and

5 WHEREAS, Lorene Wallace has demonstrated the skill,
6 knowledge, and enthusiasm that are the hallmarks of our best
7 teachers, and she is inspiring a love of learning in her students
8 while giving them a strong foundation on which to build; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Lorene Wallace on being nominated
12 for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and
13 Science Teaching and extend to her sincere best wishes for
14 continued success and happiness; and, be it further

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