

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 324

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Harris County Historical Commission and the Baytown Carver High School Recognition and Preservation Society on the occasion of the dedication of an official Texas Historical Marker honoring Baytown George Washington Carver High School at a ceremony on April 30, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The school's origins date from 1921, when the Goose Creek School for Coloreds was founded; the grade school served African American children from Baytown, La Porte, Cedar Bayou, and McNair; and

WHEREAS, The school building, located at the corner of Carver Street and Oak Street, opened in the fall of 1924; the school expanded in size over the years and was accredited as a high school in 1941; the school also changed its name to honor African American scientist, educator, inventor, and botanist George Washington Carver; and

WHEREAS, Eventually, a larger, modern campus opened a few blocks away; George Washington Carver High School consistently ranked as one of the top segregated schools in the state in academics, athletics, and band performance; and

WHEREAS, The high school closed in 1967, during desegregation, and after operating for a time as Carver Elementary School, the school buildings were demolished in 2002; and

WHEREAS, The designation of the George Washington Carver High School Plant Site with an official Texas Historical Marker signifies the importance of the school in the history of Baytown and this state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby congratulate the Harris County Historical Commission and the Baytown Carver High School Recognition and Preservation Society on the occasion of the Texas Historical Marker dedication ceremony for Baytown George Washington Carver High School and extend to all best wishes for a memorable event; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared to commemorate this significant occasion.

Gallegos

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on February 22, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate