

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 631

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to honor Marian Thomas, executive director of Communities In Schools of Galveston County; and

WHEREAS, Communities In Schools is a program administered by the Texas Education Agency whose purpose is to surround students with a community of support to encourage them to stay in school and work to succeed in life; and

WHEREAS, Marian Thomas began her service with this outstanding program at the ground level as a volunteer 18 years ago, and she has served as executive director for the last 13 years; and

WHEREAS, She is known for her visionary leadership and her exceptional talent for working within the community to develop partnerships and support for the program; she has motivated hundreds of students, parents, volunteers, and program staff members to do their utmost to improve the academic performance, attendance, behavior, and social skills of Galveston students; and

WHEREAS, Marian Thomas lends her talents to numerous other organizations throughout the Galveston community as well; she is a member of the oldest black Methodist Church in the state and serves as steward and secretary for Reedy Chapel; she is a member of the Rotary Club and a graduate of Leadership Galveston, and she serves on the boards of directors of Child Protective Services and the Galveston College Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Marian Thomas is an inspiration for others in the Communities In Schools mission, and she is widely recognized for her expertise and leadership in the Galveston community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend Marian Thomas for her commitment and leadership as executive director of Communities In Schools of Galveston County and her outstanding service to her community; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 28, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate