SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 433

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Ruby Cole Session for her laudable achievements as an educator and advocate; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her lifetime, this distinguished Fort Worth citizen has served as a role model for school children; she is also well regarded for her tireless efforts in the field of criminal justice reform; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Session is the mother of the late Tim Cole, who was the first inmate in Texas to be posthumously exonerated; she is a fierce champion of the wrongly accused; her work on behalf of her son's case is a poignant testament to a mother's refusal to give up hope; and

refusal to give up hope; and WHEREAS, As a teacher for more than 30 years, Mrs. Session has also had a positive impact on the lives of innumerable school children; as one of the first 25 African-American women to graduate from Texas Christian University, she is, herself, a shining tribute to academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, This outstanding Fort Worth resident is revered by her friends and family as a devoted mother, an accomplished educator, and a resolute advocate of criminal justice reform; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend Ruby Cole Session on her many achievements and extend to her sincere best wishes in all her future endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mrs. Session as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Davis, Ellis

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 18, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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