

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1050**

**WHEREAS,** The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Shirley Ison-Newsome on the occasion of her retirement as Division 4 assistant superintendent of the Dallas Independent School District; and

**WHEREAS,** An esteemed leader in the field of public education for the past 40 years, Shirley Ison-Newsome has devoted her career to developing first-rate educational opportunities for young people and to improving low-performance schools, and she has helped to create a blend of programs, practices, and procedures that will long ensure Dallas students receive the best education possible; and

**WHEREAS,** Shirley Ison-Newsome grew up in Louisville, Kentucky, where she was among the first African Americans to attend integrated schools; later, she earned three college degrees and went on to forge a stellar career with the Dallas Independent School District and receive numerous awards for her outstanding work as an educator; and

**WHEREAS,** Shirley Ison-Newsome arrived in Dallas in 1971 as part of a team of consultants led by a noted national educator; that initial opportunity gave rise to her remarkable career in Texas; and

**WHEREAS,** Over the years, she has had a profound impact on the lives of thousands of students; she has served as a teacher, a principal, and a dean of instruction and as a high-ranking administrator whose roles have included area superintendent and Dallas Independent School District chief of staff; and

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**WHEREAS,** As a tribute to her accomplishments, Shirley Ison-Newsome has received the Texas Governor's Excellence in Academic Achievement Award and the International Reading Association's Celebrate Literacy Award for Exemplary Service, among other honors; she is indeed deserving of high praise for her exceptional contributions to public education in Dallas; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend Shirley Ison-Newsome on her 40 years of outstanding service to the Dallas Independent School District and extend to her best wishes for the retirement years ahead; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of high esteem 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 May 23, 2013.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate