

By: Davis of Dallas

H.R. No. 225

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Retired educator and choir director Evelyn Foster
2 Hamilton of Dallas is being honored by the Omicron Mu Omega chapter
3 of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., on January 31, 2015, for a half
4 century of dedicated service; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of Tyler, Ms. Hamilton graduated from
6 Emmett Scott High School and received her bachelor's degree in
7 music at Wiley College; she later earned a master's degree in music
8 education at Louisiana Tech University and a mid-management
9 certification from Texas Woman's University, where she also studied
10 counseling; and

11 WHEREAS, Over the course of her exemplary career in
12 education, Ms. Hamilton served as director of a number of
13 award-winning choirs, including the Maurine F. Bailey Concert Choir
14 at Lincoln High School, which she took to the International Youth
15 and Music Festival in Vienna, Austria, in 1983; she served the
16 Dallas Independent School District as vocal music specialist for
17 all grades, and she retired as assistant principal of Seagoville
18 Elementary School; in addition, she is a former president of a
19 chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for women
20 educators, and she has been a chapter president and regional music
21 chair for Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.; and

22 WHEREAS, Ms. Hamilton's lifelong association with Alpha
23 Kappa Alpha began in grade school, and she was officially inducted
24 into the sorority at Wiley College; she later joined chapters in

1 Shreveport, Longview, and Dallas, where she helped to found the
2 Omicron Mu Omega chapter; she served the group as its first
3 president, and she has written several musical compositions for the
4 chapter as well as for the sorority's International Membership
5 Committee; today, she is chair of the South Central Region Time and
6 Place Committee and a member-at-large advisor for the Omicron Mu
7 Omega chapter; and

8 WHEREAS, Throughout her endeavors, Ms. Hamilton has enjoyed
9 the love and support of her husband, Leon Hamilton, and her son,
10 Leon Edric Hamilton Jr.; she is a member of St. Luke Community
11 United Methodist Church; and

12 WHEREAS, Evelyn Hamilton has demonstrated a lasting
13 commitment to Alpha Kappa Alpha, and she may take great pride in
14 this well-deserved recognition from her fellow members; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
17 Legislature hereby congratulate Evelyn Foster Hamilton for being
18 honored by the Omicron Mu Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha
19 Sorority, Inc., and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
20 happiness; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for Ms. Hamilton as an expression of high regard by the
23 Texas House of Representatives.