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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Charlie Mae Smith was inducted into the African  
2 American Educators Hall of Fame on April 18, 2015; and

3 WHEREAS, The hall of fame is part of the African American  
4 Education Archives and History Program, which since its founding in  
5 2002 has focused on the vital role that education plays in the  
6 African American experience in Dallas County; the organization  
7 preserves important artifacts, documents, visual images, and oral  
8 accounts, and its African American Educators Hall of Fame raises  
9 public awareness of the significant contributions made by teachers,  
10 administrators, librarians, and others; and

11 WHEREAS, Through her love of reading and libraries and her  
12 civic service, Ms. Smith has contributed greatly to her community;  
13 a Rosenberg native, she earned a bachelor's degree from Prairie  
14 View A&M University and a master's degree in library science from  
15 Texas Woman's University; she became the first African American  
16 member and president of the Duncanville Public Library Board, and  
17 she also served on the city's Board of Adjustment; and

18 WHEREAS, Ms. Smith is currently a member of the board of The  
19 Black Academy of Arts and Letters, and she is a life member of Delta  
20 Sigma Theta Sorority; she has been recognized by KKDA Radio and the  
21 Jack Lowe Education Recognition Program; she was also named an  
22 Oliver Wendell Holmes Classical Academy Living Legend, and the Paul  
23 L. Dunbar Learning Center in Dallas named its library media center  
24 in her honor; and

1           WHEREAS, Through her outstanding accomplishments, Charlie  
2 Mae Smith has made a positive difference in the lives of countless  
3 Texans, and she may take justifiable pride in this prestigious  
4 accolade; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Charlie Mae Smith on her induction  
7 into the African American Educators Hall of Fame and extend to her  
8 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

9           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for Ms. Smith as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
11 House of Representatives.