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H.R. No. 2349

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For many years, retired educator Pauline Mouton of
2 Beaumont has graciously dedicated much of her time, expertise, and
3 energy to community service, and for this, she truly merits special
4 recognition; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mouton worked as a teacher and guidance
6 counselor for the Beaumont Independent School District for 32
7 years, retiring in 1997; she was the first African American head of
8 the English department at South Park High School, and she was the
9 first educator from the district to present a paper at a conference
10 of the National Council of Teachers of English in Washington, D.C.;
11 from 1985 to 1987, she was also an associate editor of the *Journal*
12 *of the Association of Guidance and Counseling*; and

13 WHEREAS, This dynamic and caring woman was appointed by
14 Governor Ann Richards to the Children's Trust Fund Council in 1992,
15 and that same year, she was appointed to the Prevention of Child
16 Abuse Council by the City of Beaumont; her other work in behalf of
17 children includes serving as a mentor for the foster grandparent
18 program at Minnie Rogers Juvenile Justice Center and as a
19 court-appointed special advocate; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mouton further benefited her fellow citizens
21 as a member of the board for the Friends of Martin Luther King Jr.
22 Support Group of Southeast Texas and the Southeast Texas
23 Development Corporation, as vice chair of the Martin Luther King
24 Commission, and as the executive secretary and treasurer of the

1 Jefferson County Democratic Party; in 1997, she received a
2 commendation from the U.S. House of Representatives for her
3 innovative student motivation program, Bringing Up Grades and
4 Scores; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mouton's other honors include the Community
6 Achievers Award, the Ben Rogers and Francis Moore Racial Justice
7 Award, and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Beaumont Branch of
8 the NAACP; in 2008, she was named Woman of the Year by the Beaumont
9 branch of the National Association of University Women; and

10 WHEREAS, Pauline Mouton has contributed to the betterment of
11 her community, state, and nation through a lifetime of purposeful
12 endeavor, and in so doing, she has set an inspiring example of
13 generosity and engagement for others to follow; now, therefore, be
14 it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
16 Legislature hereby commend Pauline Mouton for her achievements as
17 an educator, volunteer, and civic leader and extend to her sincere
18 best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for Mrs. Mouton as an expression of high regard by the
21 Texas House of Representatives.