

By: Allen

H.R. No. 2693

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Patricia K. Allen is retiring as principal of  
2 Henry F. MacGregor Elementary School on August 31, 2015, after 35  
3 years of outstanding service to the Houston Independent School  
4 District; and

5 WHEREAS, This esteemed educator began her career in 1980,  
6 when she became a fifth-grade teacher at Lockhart Elementary School  
7 in Houston; after two years, she transferred to MacGregor  
8 Elementary School, where she took on such leadership roles as  
9 Chapter I faculty leader, School Area II representative, and  
10 administrative intern; she then accepted a position at Thompson  
11 Elementary School, and while serving on the faculty there, she  
12 founded the Charmette Girl's Club and directed the Drum Corps; she  
13 went on to train area elementary teachers for several years in the  
14 Project Charlie Character Education Program; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1995, Dr. Allen returned to MacGregor Elementary  
16 as the magnet coordinator; she also served as volunteer  
17 coordinator, gifted and talented coordinator, bond coordinator,  
18 instructional coordinator, and chair of the Shared Decision Making  
19 Committee; furthermore, she acted as the school's business liaison  
20 and fostered relationships with a number of notable organizations,  
21 including the Houston Rockets, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and the  
22 Judson Robinson Jr. Community Center; she was promoted to principal  
23 in 2006, and under her expert guidance, the school has earned the  
24 "Met Standards" rating and five Distinctions; and

1 WHEREAS, Respected and admired by her colleagues, Dr. Allen  
2 was named Outstanding Young Educator at Lockhart Elementary in  
3 1981, and she received a nomination for Teacher of the Year at  
4 MacGregor Elementary in 1985; while fulfilling her professional  
5 duties, she also continued her own academic pursuits, earning a  
6 master's degree in administration and a doctorate in curriculum and  
7 instruction from the University of Houston; and

8 WHEREAS, Through her consummate professionalism and  
9 commitment to excellence, Patricia Allen has helped equip area  
10 children with the knowledge and skills necessary to build a bright  
11 and rewarding future, and in so doing, she has touched the lives of  
12 countless young Texans; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
14 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Patricia K. Allen on her  
15 retirement as principal of Henry F. MacGregor Elementary School and  
16 extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success and  
17 happiness; and, be it further

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