

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 837

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Mary E. Lester on the occasion of her 2015 induction into the African American Educators Hall of Fame; and

**WHEREAS**, A leader in the field of mathematics instruction, Mary Lester served as the director of mathematics for the Dallas Independent School District from 1974 to 1997; she was the first African American to serve as a director in a major school district in Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, As the mathematics director, she developed and implemented innovative curriculums and computer-based instruction programs, introduced computer-programming classes for elementary school children, and implemented mathematics competitions that offered college scholarships to students; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Lester fostered positive and successful learning environments that helped equip students throughout the district with the tools that are needed for continued academic success; she has been a respected and admired educational administrator, and it is truly fitting that she be recognized for her accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby commend Mary E. Lester on her commitment to excellence in education and extend congratulations to her on her 2015 induction into the African American Educators Hall of Fame; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of 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 19, 2015.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate