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H.R. No. 418

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Wanda Adams was named the 2017 president of the
2 Houston Independent School District Board of Education; and

3 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan has served on the Houston ISD
4 Board since 2013, and she was elected president by unanimous vote;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, A native of Houston and graduate of Kashmere High
7 School, Ms. Adams earned a bachelor's degree in public affairs and
8 a master's degree in public administration from Texas Southern
9 University, where she is now a professor of political science; and

10 WHEREAS, Over the course of her distinguished tenure in
11 public service, Ms. Adams has contributed her time and talents to
12 the Houston Housing Authority, the Mental Health Mental Retardation
13 Authority of Harris County, and the Mayor's Citizens Assistance
14 Office; moreover, she served for six years on the Houston City
15 Council, and she was the first African American woman appointed to
16 the Harris County Appraisal District Board of Directors; and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. Adams has further given back to her fellow
18 residents by volunteering her time with such organizations as the
19 Houston Area Women's Center, YMCA, YWCA, Keep Houston Beautiful,
20 and Meals on Wheels; she is also a proud member of the Delta Sigma
21 Theta Sorority and a Sunday school teacher and international
22 missionary at The Fountain of Praise church; and

23 WHEREAS, Among her many honors, Ms. Adams received the
24 Elected Official of the Year Award from the Houston Area

1 Association for the Education of Young Children, and she was named
2 one of the Top 50 Women in Houston by *Houston Woman Magazine*; and

3 WHEREAS, Public education is an endeavor in which all Texans
4 have a stake, and through her devotion to the development of our
5 young people, Wanda Adams is helping to ensure that the future of
6 the Lone Star State rests in capable hands; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Wanda Adams on her election as
9 president of the Houston Independent School District Board of
10 Education and extend to her sincere best wishes for a successful
11 tenure; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Ms. Adams as an expression of high regard by the Texas
14 House of Representatives.