

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Gwendolyn Caldwell Morrison has been selected by the
2 Texas Legislative Black Caucus as the Outstanding Texan for House
3 District 95; and

4 WHEREAS, An admired educator, Dr. Morrison began her career
5 in the Palestine Independent School District in 1971 and went on to
6 teach in both the Dallas and Fort Worth Independent School
7 Districts; she further served FWISD as director of several
8 departments, including teacher certification and employee
9 staffing; deeply committed to her profession, she served the
10 National Alliance of Black School Educators in such capacities as
11 president of the Texas Alliance and president of the NABSE Council
12 of Affiliate Presidents; during four years on the NABSE Board, she
13 developed affiliates across the country and in the Bahamas; in
14 1979, she was appointed to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating
15 Board, and today, after more than four decades, she ranks as the
16 longest-serving member of the board of the Tarrant County College
17 District; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Morrison has long been engaged in civic life and
19 the business community; in 1975, she cofounded the Greater Fort
20 Worth Area Negro Business & Professional Women's Club, and she
21 continues to play a key role in the group's advocacy for youth in
22 classical vocal music; at the state level, she served on both the
23 Governor's Commission for Women and the Texas Council on Purchasing
24 from People with Disabilities; she is a former president of Sixty

1 and Better and a founding member of the Historic Rosedale Park
2 Neighborhood Association; in 2015, she joined with other area
3 businesswomen to establish the Regional Women's Chamber of North
4 Texas, which she serves as treasurer; she is also chair of the
5 Community Food Bank in Fort Worth and co-chair of the African
6 American Health Expo, and she serves on the boards of the Community
7 Hospice of Texas and the Tarrant County Black Historical and
8 Genealogical Society; moreover, she and her husband, the Reverend
9 Dr. Ben A. Morrison, are valued members of Baker Chapel AME Church;
10 they are blessed with three children and one grandchild; and

11 WHEREAS, Through her exceptional contributions in multiple
12 realms, Gwendolyn Morrison has greatly benefited her fellow
13 citizens, and she is richly deserving of this accolade; now,
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
16 Legislature hereby congratulate Gwendolyn Caldwell Morrison on her
17 selection by the Texas Legislative Black Caucus as the Outstanding
18 Texan for House District 95 and extend to her sincere best wishes
19 for the future; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 555

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 555 was adopted by the House on
February 26, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House