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H.R. No. 555

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.