

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Maryland Whitaker has been named a 2019 Outstanding
2 Texan by the Texas Legislative Black Caucus, and her receipt of this
3 accolade presents a fitting opportunity to recognize her
4 outstanding record of achievement; and

5 WHEREAS, Raised in Huntsville, Ms. Whitaker graduated from
6 Sam Houston High School and went on to enjoy a successful career at
7 Houston Methodist Hospital, where she worked for nearly 27 years
8 before retiring at the age of 55; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Whitaker is an active and engaged member of her
10 community who has been involved with the East Houston Civic Club for
11 more than a quarter century; she became president of the group in
12 2005 and oversaw a number of worthy initiatives, including a
13 college scholarship program, lawn care for seniors, and donations
14 of food and blankets for the homeless and backpacks and school
15 clothes for children in need; in addition, she advocated for
16 changes in waste management designed to improve air quality; and

17 WHEREAS, Despite losing everything in Hurricane Harvey,
18 Ms. Whitaker devoted herself to helping others in the aftermath of
19 the devastating storm by launching a distribution site for food,
20 clothing, and cleaning supplies; moreover, she has served her
21 church as secretary of Sunday school and as a member of the finance
22 committee; and

23 WHEREAS, A committed champion of her community, Maryland
24 Whitaker may reflect with pride on her many efforts in its behalf

1 and in the knowledge that her contributions will benefit area
2 Texans for years to come; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
4 Legislature hereby congratulate Maryland Whitaker on her receipt of
5 a 2019 Outstanding Texan Award from the Texas Legislative Black
6 Caucus and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be
7 it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Ms. Whitaker as an expression of high regard by the
10 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 938

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 938 was adopted by the House on April 5, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House