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H.R. No. 938

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.