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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The African American Education Archives and History  
2 Program is honoring 12 distinguished Texans at its annual Hall of  
3 Fame Induction Ceremony/Luncheon in Dallas on April 12, 2025; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded in 2002, AAEAHP is a collaborative effort  
5 among local educators and the African American Museum; the  
6 organization works to raise awareness of the African American  
7 educational experience in Dallas County, collect and preserve  
8 archival material, support students and young educators, and  
9 recognize outstanding individuals; since its inception, the  
10 organization has been responsible for numerous initiatives, among  
11 them the African American Education Hall of Fame, the Sankofa  
12 Children's Center at the African American Museum, oral history,  
13 historical archives, a scholarship program, and curriculum  
14 development; and

15 WHEREAS, The Hall of Fame Class of 2025 Educators include  
16 Dr. Helen Benjamin, Cassandra Black, Robert Edison, Dr. Levatta  
17 Levels, Dr. Larry Lewis, Bertric Manning, Dora Wesley Morris,  
18 Cheryl Smith, Norma Wright, and the late Dr. Charles Matthews; in  
19 addition, Senator Royce West and Curtis King are being recognized  
20 with Presidential Awards; and

21 WHEREAS, Through their exemplary contributions, these  
22 visionaries have earned the respect and admiration of the education  
23 community, and their accomplishments have set an inspiring example  
24 for their fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

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1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
2   Legislature hereby congratulate the 2025 African American  
3   Education Archives and History Program Hall of Fame Induction  
4   Ceremony honorees and extend to them sincere best wishes for the  
5   future; and, be it further

6           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
7   prepared for the individuals as an expression of high regard by the  
8   Texas House of Representatives.

A. Davis of Dallas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 701 was adopted by the House on April 17, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 131, Nays 9, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House