

By: Taylor of Collin

H.R. No. 741

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, An admired community leader received well-deserved
2 recognition when Dr. Cary A. Israel was named the 2009 Citizen of
3 the Year by the Plano Chamber of Commerce; and

4 WHEREAS, Since 1999, Dr. Israel has been president of the
5 Collin County Community College District (Collin College), in which
6 capacity he oversees the education of more than 46,000 students on
7 seven campuses in North Texas; during his tenure, Collin College
8 has frequently been recognized for the quality education it
9 provides, with its faculty members winning many notable awards;
10 Collin is home to three recipients of the U.S. Professor of the Year
11 honor, which is more than any other community college in the nation;
12 moreover, Dr. Israel is widely respected by his peers; he serves on
13 the executive and legislative committees of the Texas Association
14 of Community Colleges, the SunGard Higher Education Executive
15 Advisory Council, and the advisory council of the Center for
16 Community College Education of Texas A&M University--Commerce; he
17 further belongs to the advisory board of the University of North
18 Texas Bill J. Priest Center for Community College Education and is a
19 former president of Texas Campus Compact, a coalition of college
20 and university presidents; and

21 WHEREAS, In addition to his professional responsibilities,
22 Dr. Israel has found time to give back to his community in numerous
23 ways; he is a member of the board of trustees of the Medical Center
24 of Plano, the Texas Institute Advisory Board for Sustainable

1 Technology Research, the Plano Chamber of Commerce Advisory Board,
2 and the Plano Rotary Club; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Israel has been named a Mentor by the Collin
4 County Children's Advocacy Center, and he is the recipient of the
5 Service Award from the Collin County League of United Latin
6 American Citizens; his honors also include two CEO of the Year
7 Awards from the American Association of Community College Trustees,
8 the Phi Theta Kappa Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction, the
9 Plano Community Forum Award, and a Special Award of Merit from the
10 Plano Chamber of Commerce, among many others; and

11 WHEREAS, This accomplished educator draws on a broad range of
12 experience; after earning a bachelor's degree with highest honors
13 from Michigan State University, he went on to attain his law degree
14 from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law; his long and
15 successful career has included service as president of Raritan
16 Valley Community College in New Jersey, the Illinois Community
17 College System, and Front Range Community College in Colorado; and

18 WHEREAS, For more than a decade, Dr. Cary Israel has played a
19 leading role in making Collin College one of the premier community
20 college systems in the nation while also benefiting residents of
21 the Plano area through his other endeavors, and it is indeed fitting
22 that his many contributions have been recognized with this
23 prestigious award; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
25 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Cary A. Israel on being named
26 the 2009 Citizen of the Year by the Plano Chamber of Commerce and
27 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success with his

1 important work; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for Dr. Israel as an expression of high regard by the Texas
4 House of Representatives.