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Honoring Dr. Carolyn R. Wilder, Professor of Child Development at West Los Angeles College in Los Angeles, California, in recognition of her retirement after 32 years of service to the College.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WATERS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

RESOLUTION

Honoring Dr. Carolyn R. Wilder, Professor of Child Development at West Los Angeles College in Los Angeles, California, in recognition of her retirement after 32 years of service to the College.

Whereas Dr. Carolyn R. Wilder has served as Professor of Child Development at West Los Angeles College since 1974 and will retire in 2006 from the position of Department Chairperson;

Whereas in response to increased economic demands placed on families and the need of working parents to know that their children are in a safe facility near their workplace, Dr. Wilder founded Child Care Centers, Inc., a consulting firm to enable corporations and businesses to establish child care facilities for their employees;

Whereas Dr. Wilder became the Parent Coordinator for Delta Sigma Theta Head Start and implemented programs for over 600 families in Santa Monica, Venice, and the Central Los Angeles areas;

Whereas Dr. Wilder was given the opportunity to develop, set up, and implement the curricula for all nine of the child development centers located on the Los Angeles Community College District campuses;

Whereas in 1972, Dr. Wilder served as the first Director of the Child Development Center on the West Los Angeles College campus;

Whereas in 1983, Dr. Wilder and her husband Raymond founded Tender Care Child Development Center, a private preschool that serves approximately 180 children of ages 2 through 5 and offers a curriculum-based approach to learning;

Whereas responding to the need for a new kindergarten education program, Dr. Wilder established Tender Care Kindergarten for approximately 80 students in 1988;

Whereas responding to the increased demand for programs for students in grades K through 8, Dr. Wilder established Tender Care Elementary in 1994, renamed "Wilder's Preparatory Academy" in 1999;

Whereas the vision of Dr. Carolyn and Raymond Wilder for a preparatory academy became a reality in 2000, when Wilder's Preparatory Academy expanded to a 37,000 square-foot state-of-the-art facility geared to serve inner city students and provide an accelerated college preparatory curriculum with 22 large classrooms, three computer labs, a library, an art room, an indoor gym, a

media lab, a science lab, a study hall, and a dance theater;

Whereas over the past 21 years, Carolyn and Raymond Wilder have become known as industry leaders in the field of early childhood education and childcare service;

Whereas over 4,000 students have graduated from Tender Care Child Development Center, and, as a result of the outstanding education and nurturing they received, they have matured into bright, productive, and accomplished young citizens;

Whereas in 2003, Wilder's Preparatory Academy became Inglewood Preparatory Academy Charter School, the first Charter School to be approved in the City of Inglewood, California, accommodating 480 students in grades K through 8;

Whereas Dr. Wilder has served in the posts of Commissioner of the Los Angeles First Five, City of Los Angeles (formerly Prop 10 Commission), appointed by Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke; Commissioner of the Human Affairs Commission, City of Inglewood, appointed by the Mayor of Inglewood, California; Commissioner of the Child Care Advisory, City of Los Angeles, appointed by Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke; and was a Board Member of the YMCA of Los Angeles Metro 28th Street/Crenshaw Branch;

Whereas Dr. Wilder was the recipient of the Woman of the Year Award in 1988 from Senator Teresa P. Hughes, 25th Senatorial District of California;

Whereas Dr. Wilder is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the California Association for Early Child-

hood Education, the Black Women’s Forum, the YMCA, the Black Child Development Institute, the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the National Association of Women Business Owners, the Coalition of 100 Black Women, the Ebony Guild, and the New Philadelphia AME Church; and

Whereas Dr. Wilder is married to Raymond D. Wilder, an entrepreneur, a real estate developer, the CEO of Inglewood Preparatory Academy Charter School, and a community activist, and the couple has one daughter, Ramona R. Wilder: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) honors Dr. Carolyn R. Wilder for her 32
3 years of service to West Los Angeles College in Los
4 Angeles, California;

5 (2) recognizes her accomplishments and
6 achievements in childcare service, in higher edu-
7 cation, and as an entrepreneur; and

8 (3) extends its appreciation to her in recogni-
9 tion of her retirement from West Los Angeles Col-
10 lege in Los Angeles, California.

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