

Hollywood's Time Crockett & East Texas News

by Billy "Hollywood" Grooves

I got to witness and participate in some long overdue "real history" recently in Austin, at the State's Capitol. African American schools that existed before integration closed them in the late 60's, were formally recognized by the State of Texas, for what they were and their historical significance. State Representative Dr. Alma Allen of Houston, a graduate of Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School in Livingston, Texas and Dr. Lynn Ray Ellison of Texas City, Texas, a graduate of Booker T. Washington High in Texas City, who also went to a closed Black school put this great event together. Dr. Ellison, a former educator, Galveston County Commissioner, Journalist, state and community leader called the historical Resolution "a wonderful thing" for African Americans. He went on to say that Governor Perry had one of his top people, Tom Braddock and Representative Allen read his words commending former Black High Schools and the historical Resolution on the floor of the state legislature. Although I was late getting on the floor of the Capitol because of the large number of African Americans participating in the event Dr. Ellison said AAN&I and I were mentioned and given credit for getting the Resolution movement going with my newspaper articles about Black Schools. State Representative Allen showed the visiting former students and teachers a great time. Anneliese G. Vogel is the chief of staff for Representative Allen and a native of Houston. She made our stay in the Capitol a rewarding and unforgettable experience. Dr. Allen was all smiles and when she told the large crowd of former students to "take over the Capitol", at the outside group photograph session. Dr. Helen King of Huntsville, a Ralph Bunche High graduates of Galveston Central High were also there. Mr. Ross said the recognition is late coming for Black schools, but

he was glad this day came. Griggs Owens of Fort Worth, a 1961 graduate of Booker T. Washington High school of Texas City, who excelled in football and track had this to say. "Black kids of today need to know about the history of their people and their schools, it is very important to their future."

Billy Ratcliff of Dallas is former educator and current candidate for a City Council seat in Dallas. Ratcliff, the grandson of famed East Texas educator, Sibbie White of Crockett, told me he went to an all Black High School and was glad to see those institutions recognized. Johnny Lee Roberts of Wharton, attended Wharton Training High School, a Black high school that was closed for integration, told me he was there to support the Resolution. Patricia Wiggins of Bay City, Texas attended Hilliard High in Bay City, she told me she was proud of the Resolution. Boris L. Miles of Houston was there greeting former students and teachers of Black schools. He gave me this advice for young. "Concentrate on the job ahead of you, develop a work ethic, the work has to be put in."

Lee Phillips of San Antonio is a retired high school principal. He spoke to the former students about the importance of recognizing the history of Black schools and encouraged the group to do more in the future. Harold Adams of Texas City, a Booker T. Washington graduate was elated when he told me he was enjoying himself at the state Capitol. Rev. Joseph Daniels of LaMarque, advised former students to use the momentum from this

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that Boroski never led any acting classes at the retreat and said most scheduled classes were later canceled. Although Boroski claimed to have secured more than 400 auditions for clients in 2004-2005, former clients revealed that they did not receive any auditions despite their participation in the retreat. The TWC held a formal agency hearing pertaining to Boroski's conduct at The Actor's Place and issued a cease and desist order to Boroski. He failed to appear at the hearing and ignored the order. The TWC then referred the case to the Attorney General. The lawsuit, filed under the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act, seeks a court-ordered injunction stopping Boroski from operating a career school without the proper state certificate. The Attorney General also asked the court to order Boroski to provide restitution to harmed consumers, as well as to pay civil penalties of up to \$20,000 per violation of the DTPA and \$1,000 per day for violations of the Texas Career Schools and Colleges Act, which protects students.

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