

By: Fierro

H.R. No. 414

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Jose Espinoza can take well-deserved pride in  
2 the exemplary service he has rendered as superintendent of the  
3 Socorro Independent School District in El Paso; and

4           WHEREAS, Appointed in 2012, Dr. Espinoza has played an  
5 instrumental role in transforming the district into a model of  
6 success, outscoring the state passing rates in all 17 STAAR exams in  
7 grades three through eight for six consecutive years and earning an  
8 A rating as well as the Postsecondary Readiness Distinction  
9 Designation; in 2015, he established the WIN Academy, an intensive  
10 program that serves at-risk and underperforming students, and the  
11 program has since expanded to 19 campuses across the district; in  
12 all, SISD serves more than 47,000 students at 49 schools in east El  
13 Paso, Socorro, and Horizon City; and

14           WHEREAS, Under Dr. Espinoza's leadership, the district has  
15 secured additional funding in the form of a \$448.5 million bond and  
16 several major grants, including a \$300,000 grant from Raising  
17 Blended Learners Raise Your Hand Texas and an \$800,000 grant from  
18 the W.K. Kellogg Foundation; moreover, the district received the  
19 H-E-B Excellence in Education Award for Outstanding Large District,  
20 and it earned national recognition as the winner of the Consortium  
21 for School Networking Team Achievement Award in 2017 and the Best  
22 Communities for Music Education Award for four consecutive years;  
23 and

24           WHEREAS, Over the course of his 24-year career in education,

1 Dr. Espinoza has also served as a teacher, counselor, principal,  
2 and district administrator; he holds a doctorate in educational  
3 leadership, a master's degree in guidance and counseling, and a  
4 bachelor's degree in social work, and he was the first  
5 superintendent in the state to earn national superintendent  
6 certification; his numerous awards and accolades include the  
7 Escalante-Gradillas Prize for Best in Education and recognition as  
8 the Region 19 Superintendent of the Year and the Sam Houston State  
9 University Distinguished Educator of the Year; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Jose Espinoza has led Socorro ISD with skill,  
11 dedication, and a commitment to excellence, and he has earned the  
12 lasting respect and admiration of his colleagues as well as the El  
13 Paso community; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
15 Legislature hereby commend Dr. Jose Espinoza on his outstanding  
16 service as superintendent of the Socorro Independent School  
17 District and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued  
18 success; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
20 prepared for Dr. Espinoza as an expression of high regard by the  
21 Texas House of Representatives.