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H.R. No. 49

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The retirement of William S. Harlan as
2 superintendent of the Academy Independent School District on
3 December 31, 2023, offers a fitting opportunity to reflect on his
4 outstanding record of achievement; and

5 WHEREAS, Over the course of his 28-year career in education,
6 Billy Harlan has held a number of roles, including special
7 education teacher, head coach, and elementary and secondary
8 principal; moreover, he served Corsicana ISD as executive director
9 of extracurricular programs, executive director of human
10 resources, assistant superintendent, and chief administrative
11 officer, and he worked as an assistant baseball coach for Navarro
12 College and Dallas Baptist University; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Harlan joined Academy ISD in 2019; during his
14 tenure, he played a vital role in passing a \$79 million bond
15 package, acquiring the new Academy High School site, implementing
16 leadership training programs, and establishing the Academy ISD
17 Education Foundation and the district's Career and Technology
18 Education Advisory Committee; in recognition of his
19 accomplishments, he was nominated for the Texas Association of
20 School Boards Superintendent of the Year award in 2022; and

21 WHEREAS, This esteemed educator holds a bachelor's degree in
22 kinesiology from Texas A&M University and a master's degree in
23 health and physical education from The University of Texas at
24 Tyler; and

1 WHEREAS, Through his dedication, professionalism, and
2 commitment to excellence, Billy Harlan has helped many young Texans
3 acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed, and his
4 contributions will be remembered and appreciated for years to come;
5 now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
7 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate William
8 S. Harlan on his retirement as superintendent of the Academy
9 Independent School District and extend to him sincere best wishes
10 for the future; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for Mr. Harlan as an expression of high regard by the Texas
13 House of Representatives.