

By: Flores

H.C.R. No. 111

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Superintendent Claire Bugen has greatly benefited  
2 the Texas School for the Deaf through nearly five decades of  
3 exemplary service; and

4 WHEREAS, Hired by the school as a substitute teacher in 1975,  
5 Ms. Bugen went on to serve as principal, director of education,  
6 assistant superintendent, and superintendent; she has led TSD with  
7 tremendous skill and dedication for a quarter century, building a  
8 reputation for excellence through innovation, strategic planning,  
9 and the fostering of strong community relationships; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Bugen has been a steadfast advocate for a  
11 comprehensive, language-rich curriculum that integrates American  
12 Sign Language and English language development; moreover, she has  
13 promoted inclusion and accessibility for deaf and hard-of-hearing  
14 students by incorporating new technologies and strategies; her  
15 tenure has brought the expansion of Career Technical Education dual  
16 credit programs and summer programs, as well as technical  
17 assistance to families and districts across the state; and

18 WHEREAS, Deeply committed to her profession, Ms. Bugen is a  
19 trustee of Gallaudet University, and throughout her career, she has  
20 given generously of her time and expertise to a number of notable  
21 organizations; she is a member of the Conference of Educational  
22 Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf and chairs its  
23 Accreditation of Schools Committee; in addition, she has served as  
24 president and secretary of the Convention of American Instructors

1 of the Deaf, and she was instrumental in the development of the  
2 National Agenda for the Education of Deaf Students; and

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Bugen holds a bachelor's degree in education of  
4 the deaf from MacMurray College, a master's degree in special  
5 education/learning disabilities from the University of Missouri,  
6 and an educational administration certificate from Texas State  
7 University; among numerous accolades, she has received the  
8 Outstanding Women in Texas Government Award and the CEASD Robert R.  
9 Davila Award of Merit for contributions to the field of deafness;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Over the course of her career, Claire Bugen has  
12 worked tirelessly to advance the quality of deaf education, and her  
13 dynamic leadership has made TSD a national model of excellence;  
14 now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas  
16 hereby honor Claire Bugen for her 25 years of service as  
17 superintendent of the Texas School for the Deaf and extend to her  
18 sincere best wishes as she embarks on the next exciting chapter of  
19 her life; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
21 prepared for Ms. Bugen as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
22 House of Representatives and Senate.