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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Karen McCormick Zachary is retiring from the Dallas
2 Independent School District on May 26, 2023, drawing to a close an
3 exemplary career with the district that has spanned nearly four
4 decades; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Zachary graduated from St. Mary's Academy in
6 her hometown of New Orleans before enrolling at Prairie View A&M
7 University on an academic scholarship and receiving a bachelor's
8 degree in elementary education and teaching with magna cum laude
9 honors in 1984; she subsequently returned to New Orleans to teach
10 elementary school for two years and then moved to Dallas, where she
11 was hired at Leila P. Cowart Elementary School; and

12 WHEREAS, While teaching in Dallas for six years, Mrs. Zachary
13 earned a master's degree in counseling education from Texas A&M
14 University-Commerce; in 1992, she secured a new position as a
15 school counselor, and she went on to serve in that role at both
16 Birdie Alexander and Umphrey Lee Elementary Schools over the course
17 of three decades; along the way, she has led or assisted staff and
18 students with Destination Imagination competitions, annual Career
19 Day presentations, state testing preparation, and child advocacy
20 resourcing, in addition to enthusiastically supporting her
21 schools' basketball and track teams; and

22 WHEREAS, In recognition of her dedicated service to the
23 district, Mrs. Zachary was named the Outstanding Elementary School
24 Counselor of the Southwest Community in 2009 and the Dallas ISD

1 Elementary School Counselor of the Year in 2022; outside of her
2 professional life, she has served Omicron Mu Omega Chapter of Alpha
3 Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., as a member of numerous committees; she
4 is also a longtime parishioner and lector at Holy Spirit Catholic
5 Church in Duncanville; and

6 WHEREAS, In all her endeavors, Mrs. Zachary has enjoyed the
7 love and support of her husband, Mance Zachary, and their sons,
8 Kendall and Terrance Zachary, and she has been further blessed with
9 a grandson, Mance Dennis Zachary; and

10 WHEREAS, Through her dedication, professionalism, and
11 commitment to excellence, Karen Zachary has made a positive
12 difference in the lives of countless young Texans, and she may
13 indeed reflect with pride on a career well spent; now, therefore, be
14 it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
16 Legislature hereby congratulate Karen McCormick Zachary on her
17 retirement from Dallas ISD and extend to her sincere best wishes for
18 the future; and, be it further

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