By: Birdwell, Hancock King, West

S.R. No. 200

SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Dr. Marcelo Cavazos, who is retiring as the superintendent of schools of the Arlington Independent School District on August 31, 2023, after a distinguished 33-year career in public education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Marcelo Cavazos joined the Arlington Independent School District in 1999 as an associate superintendent for instruction, and he served as the interim deputy superintendent before being named deputy superintendent in 2009; he served the district with distinction, and in 2012, he was named superintendent of the Arlington Independent School District; and

WHEREAS, Under his leadership, the district developed 13 specialized academies focused on the areas of leadership development, early college education, fine arts, dual-language instruction, and curricula in science, technology, engineering, and math; Dr. Cavazos has received many accolades for his outstanding work throughout his career, and he received the YMCA Citizen of the Year Award and he was named the 2016 Texas Superintendent of the Year and was selected as the Texas nominee for the 2017 American Association of School Administrators Superintendent of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cavazos has also been recognized for his service to his community, in 2012; he has served on the boards of numerous agencies and organizations, including the Texas School Alliance, Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County, and United Way of Tarrant County, and he is involved in his community through his membership in such groups as the Rotary Club and Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, A devoted husband to his wife, Nora, and a loving father to his children, Theresa and Diego, Dr. Cavazos has earned the respect and admiration of his community members, his colleagues, and the students and parents of the district for his diligence and wise leadership as an administrator and for his outstanding commitment to excellence in education; it is truly fitting that he receive special recognition on his dedicated service to the Arlington Independent School District; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby commend Dr. Marcelo Cavazos on his invaluable contributions to public education in the state and extend to him congratulations on his retirement and best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.