

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 544**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Telena Wright is retiring as superintendent of the Argyle Independent School District on June 30, 2023, drawing to a close an outstanding tenure that has spanned more than 15 years; and

**WHEREAS**, A native of Ballinger, Dr. Wright began her career in public education as a math teacher in San Angelo ISD, and she went on to become an elementary and high school counselor; she joined Argyle ISD as principal of Argyle High School in 2000, and three years later, she accepted a position as the district's assistant superintendent; she was named superintendent in 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Wright has overseen three successful bond programs that have included the addition of new campuses as well as renovations and other improvements to existing campuses; she also played an instrumental role in establishing the Argyle ISD Police Department and special education department; since her appointment as supervisor, district enrollment has increased from 1,700 to some 5,000 students, and she has guided a team to develop a 10-year growth plan for the district; and

**WHEREAS**, Under Dr. Wright's able leadership, Argyle ISD has received a number of honors, including an A accountability rating from the Texas Education Agency and a district score of 97, the highest in the district's history; in addition, Argyle High has achieved statewide success in University Interscholastic League competitions, earning 12 Lone Star Cup awards; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Wright holds a doctorate in education from the University of North Texas, a master's degree in education

from Hardin-Simmons University, and a bachelor's degree from The University of Texas at Austin; in addition to her work with Argyle ISD, she has served as an adjunct instructor at UNT; and

**WHEREAS**, Through her dedication, professionalism, and commitment to excellence, Dr. Telena Wright has helped many young Texans acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed, and her contributions will be remembered and appreciated for years to come; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby congratulate Dr. Telena Wright on her retirement as superintendent of the Argyle Independent School District and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Dr. Wright as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 10, 2023.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate