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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Karen McCormick Zachary, who is retiring after a distinguished 37-year career with the Dallas Independent School District; and

WHEREAS, A native of New Orleans, Karen received her bachelor's degree in elementary education and teaching from Prairie View A&M University in 1984; she was hired as an elementary school teacher at L.P. Cowart Elementary School in 1986, marking the beginning of her long and impressive career with the Dallas Independent School District; and

WHEREAS, Karen has devoted her energy to the education of children for almost four decades; she began her career as an elementary school counselor at Birdie Alexander Elementary School and Umphrey Lee Elementary School after earning a master's degree in counseling education from Texas A&M University-Commerce in 1992; her commitment to supporting and guiding young students toward achieving their full potential has been a positive influence on the lives of countless individuals; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated and resourceful counselor, Karen has greatly assisted her students and fellow educators with state testing preparation, child advocacy resourcing, and extracurricular activities such as Destination Imagination and

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track and basketball programs; she was recognized as the Outstanding Elementary School Counselor of the Southwest Community in 2009 and as the Dallas Independent School District Counselor of the Year in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Karen's stewardship and generosity extends outside of the school district, and she is an active member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Duncanville and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, where she has served in many leadership roles; she has been an outstanding and trusted mentor, educator, and advisor to all of her students, and she can reflect with pride on her distinguished service in the Dallas Independent School District; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby commend Karen McCormick Zachary on her exceptional career and her many contributions to public education and to the Dallas community and extend to her best wishes for the retirement years ahead; and, be it further

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