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H.R. No. 1080

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Sylvia Rios is retiring as superintendent of the
2 Laredo Independent School District in 2025, drawing to a close an
3 exemplary career in education spanning nearly five decades; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Rios first joined Laredo ISD in 2001 as
5 principal of Joseph W. Nixon High School, and under her direction,
6 the campus was the first in the district to receive a "Recognized"
7 rating from the Texas Education Agency; she went on to become the
8 district's chief academic officer, and in 2017, she was unanimously
9 voted superintendent of LISD, which at the time served
10 approximately 24,000 students across 34 campuses; and

11 WHEREAS, Over the course of her distinguished tenure as
12 superintendent, Dr. Rios has placed a special emphasis on preparing
13 students for life after graduation; she has overseen
14 dual-enrollment programs and early college designations and
15 expanded opportunities for career certification and military
16 readiness; moreover, \$152 million in bond-funded construction and
17 renovation projects have taken place during her term, resulting in
18 new schools, refurbished vocational facilities, and upgraded
19 administrative spaces; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Rios's dedicated efforts have helped Laredo ISD
21 earn a number of prestigious national and state awards; under her
22 leadership, its campuses have received a total of 11 National Blue
23 Ribbon School titles, making the district one of the most
24 recognized in the region; in addition, LISD has maintained its

1 22-year streak of earning "Superior" financial ratings from TEA;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Rios holds bachelor's and master's degrees from
4 Texas A&M University in Kingsville and a doctoral degree in
5 curriculum and instruction from Texas A&M in College Station; she
6 began her career in 1977 as a teacher at her alma mater,
7 Hebbronville High School in Jim Hogg County ISD, and she went on to
8 serve as the school's principal and the district's curriculum and
9 assessment director; and

10 WHEREAS, Through her vision, expertise, and dedication,
11 Sylvia Rios has helped countless young Texans acquire the knowledge
12 and skills necessary to succeed, and her contributions will be
13 remembered and appreciated for years to come; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
15 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Sylvia Rios on her retirement
16 as superintendent of the Laredo Independent School District and
17 extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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