

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 48

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Galena Park Independent School District Superintendent Dr. Shirley Neeley, who has been named the Region IV Superintendent of the Year; and

WHEREAS, As the Region IV Superintendent of the Year, Dr. Neeley is eligible for the 2003 Texas Superintendent of the Year award; both awards are presented annually by the Texas Association of School Boards to a school superintendent who has exhibited exceptional leadership in such areas as student performance, fiscal management, school climate, board-superintendent relations, and community relations; and

WHEREAS, A product of the Galena Park Independent School District, she completed elementary, middle, and high school in the district; Dr. Neeley returned in 1975 as a sixth-grade mathematics teacher; after serving as a principal, a director of elementary education, and an assistant superintendent for pupil services, she became superintendent of schools in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Under Dr. Neeley's leadership, Galena Park Independent School District has been rated Exemplary by the Texas Education Agency, the highest rating that a district can receive; in addition to the outstanding service she provides to the students, teachers, and staff of the district, Dr. Neeley is active in city, state, and southern region educational organizations; and

WHEREAS, She serves on the board of directors for the Texas Academic Decathlon, the Texas Association of Suburban/Mid Urban Schools, and the East Harris County Youth Program; she is a member of the Texas Association of School Administrators Legislative

Committee, and she was appointed recently by Governor Rick Perry to serve on the Southern Regional Education Board, which works in 16 member states to improve every aspect of education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Neeley has received numerous awards for her exceptional work in education and in the community; she was named Educator of the Month by *Texas School Business*, Administrator of the Year by the Texas State Teachers Association, the Association of Texas Public Educators, and the Galena Park Independent School District, and Woman of the Year by the Galena Park Chamber of Commerce; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Dr. Shirley Neeley for her outstanding contributions to the educational system of Galena Park and to the State of Texas and extend to her congratulations on her selection as Region IV Superintendent of the Year; and, be it further

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

Whitmire

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 10, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate