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H.R. No. 12

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The retirement of Dr. Carolyn Bukhair as
2 superintendent of the Richardson Independent School District (ISD)
3 on June 30, 2004, concludes a lengthy and impressive career
4 dedicated to students of the Lone Star State; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Bukhair holds a bachelor's degree from Lamar
6 University, a master's degree from Southern Methodist University,
7 and a doctorate in education from the University of North Texas; and

8 WHEREAS, Over the course of 38 outstanding years in the field
9 of education--29 of those years with the Richardson ISD--Dr.
10 Bukhair served as a fourth-grade classroom teacher and secondary
11 reading consultant before becoming director of elementary
12 education, principal, assistant to the superintendent, area
13 assistant superintendent, assistant superintendent for the
14 division of instruction, and associate superintendent for
15 instructional support services; and

16 WHEREAS, Since accepting the top leadership post of the
17 Richardson ISD in 1996, Dr. Bukhair has overseen the addition of six
18 new schools, the renovation of existing buildings, and the opening
19 of the Newcomer Intake Center; under her guidance, the district has
20 also strengthened academic programs, joined the Texas Scholars
21 Program, increased its budget by 65 percent, enhanced technology on
22 all campuses, and established a partnership with the City of
23 Richardson to build a fiber optic network connecting district
24 facilities; and

1 WHEREAS, In tribute to the many ways her work has benefited
2 the schoolchildren of her district, Dr. Bukhair was named one of the
3 top five superintendents in the state in 1999 and 2003, and the
4 Richardson School Board has named a new elementary school in her
5 honor; and

6 WHEREAS, When she retires, this highly regarded individual
7 anticipates spending more time with her children and grandchildren,
8 attending ball games, and becoming more active in church and civic
9 endeavors; and

10 WHEREAS, Throughout her career, Dr. Bukhair has set high
11 standards to which all educators and administrators may aspire, and
12 she is indeed worthy of special recognition at this time; now,
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
15 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby commend Dr. Carolyn Bukhair
16 on the occasion of her retirement as superintendent of the
17 Richardson Independent School District and extend to her sincere
18 best wishes for happiness and fulfillment in the years ahead; and,
19 be it further

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