

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Marcus Nelson is leaving his post as principal
2 of John B. Connally High School in June 2004 to take on a new
3 challenge as director of secondary education for the Austin
4 Independent School District; and

5 WHEREAS, A beloved educator and accomplished scholar, Dr.
6 Nelson, although still under the age of 30, has already earned three
7 graduate degrees from Abilene Christian and Texas A&M universities,
8 including two master's degrees and a doctoral degree; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Nelson began his remarkable career as a
10 fifth-grade teacher, and since that time he quickly moved up the
11 educational ladder, becoming principal of Pflugerville's John B.
12 Connally High School three years ago; and

13 WHEREAS, Throughout his outstanding tenure at the school, Dr.
14 Nelson has served the student body with the utmost pride and
15 distinction, and his prowess and vision have helped the school to
16 realize a number of important goals; in his first year as principal,
17 the school's dropout rate decreased dramatically based on a
18 grassroots initiative led by this dedicated educator, and in 2002
19 Connally High School was named a "recognized" campus by the Texas
20 Education Agency; and

21 WHEREAS, Celebrated for his unique and vibrant style of
22 leadership, Dr. Nelson has also earned national recognition as a
23 highly sought-after motivational speaker, captivating audiences
24 across the United States with his energy, passion, and

1 inspirational message; and

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Nelson's sterling record of service has
3 transcended the classroom; an active member of Omega Psi Phi
4 Fraternity, Inc., who has further distinguished himself on the
5 board of Network Ground Zero, Inc., a summer youth program, Dr.
6 Nelson has continually given of his time and talents to better his
7 community; and

8 WHEREAS, His presence will be greatly missed in the halls of
9 John B. Connally High School, but Dr. Marcus Nelson's new position
10 will undoubtedly provide him with even more opportunities to help
11 guide a greater number of students on the path to building a happy
12 and productive future; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
14 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby congratulate Dr. Marcus
15 Nelson on his selection as the director of secondary education for
16 the Austin Independent School District and extend to him sincere
17 best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 60

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 60 was adopted by the House on May 11, 2004, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House