

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Stepping down from his post as commissioner of the  
2 Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in May 2004, Don W. Brown  
3 is bringing to a close a noteworthy 20-year tenure with the  
4 coordinating board; and

5           WHEREAS, Initially hired in 1983, Dr. Brown was appointed  
6 deputy commissioner in 1988 and commissioner in 1997; playing a  
7 vital role in the creation and implementation of the state's  
8 15-year education plan, "Closing the Gap by 2015," Dr. Brown has  
9 worked diligently with higher education officials, public  
10 education officials, business leaders, civic leaders, legislators,  
11 other elected officials, and Texans from every background and  
12 region of the state to develop wide consensus for closing the gaps  
13 that exist in education across the state in such areas as student  
14 participation, student success, academic excellence, and research;  
15 and

16           WHEREAS, Committed to cooperation between higher education  
17 and public education, he has been instrumental in the development  
18 of the P-16 council and related programs, which continue to promote  
19 and support strong partnerships among colleges, universities,  
20 school districts, parents, businesses, and other organizations;  
21 and

22           WHEREAS, He oversaw the development of a number of other  
23 higher education innovations, including the Supply/Demand Pathway,  
24 which was created to ensure the most efficient use of the state's

1 higher education resources, and the Texas Public Education  
2 Information Resource, a joint project managed by the Texas  
3 Education Agency, the State Board for Educator Certification, and  
4 the coordinating board that is designed to provide ready access to  
5 public and higher education data for making effective decisions on  
6 education policies; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Brown's unassuming manner, his congenial  
8 temperament, and his gracious style do not hide his firm resolve and  
9 tenacious belief in the goal of excellence for the college  
10 education of Texas students; his two decades of efforts toward that  
11 end have made and will continue to make a positive and lasting  
12 difference in the education of our students and, as a result, in the  
13 future of our state; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
15 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby commend Dr. Don W. Brown on  
16 the occasion of his retirement as Texas Commissioner of Higher  
17 Education, honor him for his years of exemplary service to the State  
18 of Texas, and extend to him deep appreciation for the important work  
19 that he continues to do in support of excellence in education; and,  
20 be it further

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

Morrison

H.R. No. 329

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 329 was adopted by the House on May 17, 2004, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House