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H.R. No. 842

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The year 2003 marks the conclusion of the  
2 distinguished tenure of Dr. Ernie W. Laurence, Sr., as  
3 superintendent of the Hutto Independent School District, and his  
4 retirement provides a fitting opportunity to reflect on his  
5 outstanding career; and

6           WHEREAS, This esteemed administrator graduated from Baylor  
7 University with a bachelor's degree in health and physical  
8 education and mathematics; he went on to earn his master's degree in  
9 health and physical education from Baylor University and his  
10 doctorate in education administration from Texas A&M University;  
11 and

12           WHEREAS, Dr. Laurence embarked on a career in education as a  
13 teacher and coach at Reicher Catholic High School in Waco in 1968;  
14 over the ensuing years, he worked in Cameron, San Antonio, and  
15 Killeen independent school districts, where he served as a teacher,  
16 coach, assistant principal, principal, and director of certified  
17 personnel; and

18           WHEREAS, In 1985, he moved to the Hutto Independent School  
19 District and assumed the duties of superintendent; for nearly two  
20 decades, he served with integrity, wisdom, and dedication, and won  
21 the respect of students, parents, teachers, and administrators  
22 alike; and

23           WHEREAS, In addition to pursuing his career, Dr. Laurence has  
24 been an active member of the community, giving generously of his

1 time and talents in support of a host of worthwhile civic  
2 organizations; he is a past president of the Hutto ISD Lions Club, a  
3 deacon and elder in the Church of Christ in Taylor, a member of the  
4 board of directors of Temple College in Taylor, and a cofounder and  
5 coach for the district's pony league; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Laurence has demonstrated a deeply rooted  
7 commitment to education and to serving others, and it is a pleasure  
8 to join in commending him on an exceptional career; now, therefore,  
9 be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Ernie W. Laurence, Sr., on the  
12 occasion of his retirement and extend to him sincere best wishes for  
13 continued success and happiness; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for Dr. Laurence as an expression of high regard by the  
16 Texas House of Representatives.