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H.R. No. 258

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, After 16 years of exceptional service with the Texas
2 Education Agency, Joe Wisnoski of Austin is retiring on August 31,
3 2005, from his position as deputy associate commissioner for school
4 finance and fiscal analysis; and

5 WHEREAS, During thousands of hours of legislative hearings,
6 Mr. Wisnoski has provided clear answers to countless questions
7 about the state's funding of public schools with limitless patience
8 and a calm demeanor; he has become the legislators' "go to guy" for
9 the most complicated of questions on school finance, and school
10 board members, superintendents, and school business managers have
11 learned to rely on him for timely and accurate information about
12 actions of the legislature; and

13 WHEREAS, With the responsibility for overseeing such
14 lighthearted topics as the calculations of state aid to public
15 schools, administering wealth equalization provisions, and
16 providing projections of student attendance and costs, he has every
17 reason to have assumed the qualities of the "pointy-haired boss"
18 found in the Dilbert comic strip, but the widespread esteem in which
19 he is held is sure proof that any alleged physical resemblance is
20 merely coincidental; and

21 WHEREAS, Born in Dallas in 1953, Mr. Wisnoski has a master's
22 degree in business administration from The University of Texas at
23 Austin; he attended St. Pius X School and Bishop Lynch High School
24 and graduated with highest honors from UT with a bachelor's degree

1 in philosophy in only three years, demonstrating serious egghead
2 tendencies long before ever dipping a toe into the choppy waters of
3 school finance; and

4 WHEREAS, He had been employed by the Governor's Office of
5 Budget and Planning, the Comptroller of Public Accounts, and the
6 Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board before throwing all
7 caution to the wind and making his move to the TEA in 1989; and

8 WHEREAS, In his rare bouts of leisure, Mr. Wisnoski enjoys
9 spending time with his family, which includes his wife of nearly 30
10 years, Ara, and their daughters, Jennifer and Jessica, as well as
11 gardening, fishing, cooking, and traveling; he is also active in
12 his church, and his faith has no doubt served him well throughout
13 his career; and

14 WHEREAS, With a well-deserved reputation for integrity and
15 commitment to his work, Joe Wisnoski has truly been an asset to his
16 agency and to state government, and he is to be highly commended for
17 a job well done; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
19 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby honor Joe Wisnoski for his
20 exceptional tenure with the Texas Education Agency and extend to
21 him sincere best wishes for success and happiness in all his future
22 endeavors; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for Mr. Wisnoski as an expression of high regard by the
25 Texas House of Representatives.