

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 13

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize William Ruiz, Jr., who is retiring from his position with El Paso High School after 27 years of outstanding service; and

WHEREAS, An El Paso native, Junior Ruiz was widely recognized in his youth for his exceptional athletic talents; a graduate of El Paso High School, he excelled in both basketball and football and made All-District teams for both sports; and

WHEREAS, He attended Highlands University in Las Vegas, New Mexico, on a football scholarship and earned a master's degree in education from The University of Texas at El Paso; and

WHEREAS, In 1963, he began a 42-year career as a teacher and coach at Houston Elementary School; he was then employed at several high schools before beginning his long tenure with El Paso High School in 1978; in addition to teaching courses in physical science, biology, health, and chemistry, Coach Ruiz has always been a strong advocate for young people; a highly respected educator, he was appointed by the State Board of Education to serve on The Commission for Teacher Standards from 1996 to 1999; and

WHEREAS, As a teacher and a coach, he encouraged many young people to reach for higher goals; as a civic leader in El Paso, Junior Ruiz has long been known for his dedication to service and his reliability, and to those who have the good fortune to know him personally, he is a true and loyal friend; and

WHEREAS, Educator, coach, civic leader, role model, friend, loving husband, and doting father, Junior Ruiz is an inspiration to all who know him; he is beloved and respected by his students and his colleagues in education, and his presence at El Paso High School will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to William Ruiz, Jr., a treasured citizen of the city of El Paso and our state, and commend him for an exemplary career in the field of education and for his invaluable contributions to El Paso High School; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Shapleigh

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 28, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate