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H.R. No. 494

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Margaret Spellings, secretary of the
2 United States Department of Education, is an outstanding Texan who
3 has rendered immeasurable service to the citizens of Texas and the
4 United States; and

5 WHEREAS, Nominated by President George W. Bush, Secretary
6 Spellings was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as the nation's eighth
7 secretary of education on January 20, 2005; as the proud parent of a
8 high school and middle school student, she is the first mother of
9 schoolchildren to serve as the U.S. secretary of education; and

10 WHEREAS, Born in Michigan, Margaret Spellings moved with her
11 family to Houston when she was in the third grade; after attending
12 public schools in the Bayou City, she graduated from the University
13 of Houston in 1979 with a bachelor's degree in political science and
14 journalism; as a young aide in the Texas Legislature two decades
15 ago, she committed herself to strengthening public schools and has
16 since kept to her promise; and

17 WHEREAS, She went on to help lead the Texas Association of
18 School Boards, to advise two governors on education reform, and to
19 serve four years as President Bush's top domestic policy advisor,
20 helping to develop the No Child Left Behind Act; her resume of
21 accomplishments also includes the Texas Reading Initiative, the
22 Student Success Initiative, and the development of the nation's
23 strongest school assessment and accountability system; and

24 WHEREAS, Secretary Spellings is supported in all her

1 endeavors by her husband, Robert, and her children, Mary, Grace,
2 Robert, Jr., and Britain; and

3 WHEREAS, Attending to the educational needs of the future
4 leaders of our nation is an undertaking of paramount importance,
5 and as secretary of education, Margaret Spellings will undoubtedly
6 bring her trademark vitality, commitment, and tenacity to that
7 worthy endeavor; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
9 Legislature hereby commend Margaret Spellings on her confirmation
10 as U.S. secretary of education and extend to her sincere best wishes
11 for success with her important work; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Secretary Spellings as an expression of high regard by
14 the Texas House of Representatives.