

By: Flynn

H.R. No. 1397

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Gerald W. Gilbert is retiring as superintendent of
2 Grand Saline ISD on May 31, 2007, concluding an outstanding career
3 in education that has spanned nearly 50 years; and

4 WHEREAS, Affiliated with Grand Saline ISD since 1963, Mr.
5 Gilbert has served as the district's superintendent since 1988; his
6 association with the district began when he was hired to teach
7 science at Grand Saline High School; three years later he moved into
8 administration, serving as principal of Grand Saline High School
9 from 1966 to 1986 and principal of Grand Saline Middle School from
10 1986 to 1988; and

11 WHEREAS, An alumnus of Van High School, Mr. Gilbert is a
12 graduate of Sam Houston State University and holds a bachelor of
13 science degree and a master of education degree from the
14 university; he began his career as an educator, teaching science in
15 Bay City from 1958 to 1959 and in Aldine from 1959 to 1960 before
16 taking time off to pursue his master's degree; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Gilbert is an active civic leader who has
18 devoted much time and energy to numerous groups, including the
19 Grand Saline Chamber of Commerce, the Masonic Lodge, the Lions
20 Club, and the First United Methodist Church; he has served on the
21 board of directors of the Texas Association of Secondary School
22 Principals and has been a member of the Texas Association of School
23 Administrators, the Texas State Teachers Association, and the
24 Association of Texas Professional Educators; he is also an honorary

1 member of the Texas Association of Future Homemakers of America and
2 FFA; and

3 WHEREAS, During his tenure as superintendent of Grand Saline
4 ISD, Mr. Gilbert has overseen numerous construction projects
5 necessary to meet the needs of the district's growing student
6 population; his guidance and commitment to pursuing prudent
7 financial strategies earned him a well-deserved reputation for
8 integrity in the community, and he leaves the district well
9 prepared for the future; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
11 Legislature hereby honor Gerald Gilbert on the occasion of his
12 retirement as superintendent of Grand Saline ISD and commend him
13 for his many years of exemplary service as an educator and
14 administrator; and, be it further

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