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H.R. No. 629

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Dr. William Doyle Farney of Georgetown retired as  
2 the director of the University Interscholastic League on January  
3 30, 2009, concluding a long and accomplished tenure in which he  
4 skillfully supervised the academic, athletic, and music contests  
5 that help enrich the education of the state's students; and

6           WHEREAS, An accomplished scholar and athlete during his own  
7 high school years in Chilton, Bill Farney was valedictorian of his  
8 graduating class and earned academic and football scholarships to  
9 Paris Junior College and the University of Tulsa; after earning his  
10 bachelor's degree at Tulsa in 1963, he completed graduate studies  
11 in education at Baylor University, receiving a master's degree in  
12 1968 and a doctorate in 1979; and

13           WHEREAS, Dr. Farney's extensive experience as an educator  
14 began in 1962, when he became an English teacher in Tulsa; he went  
15 on to work as a principal and superintendent with the Lorena,  
16 Robinson, and Crawford school districts in Texas, and he also  
17 coached athletic teams in numerous sports; and

18           WHEREAS, He joined the University Interscholastic League  
19 staff in 1977 as assistant director and athletic director; his  
20 exemplary work in those positions continued until 1995, when he  
21 took the helm as director; through more than three decades of  
22 service with UIL, Dr. Farney earned a reputation for calm  
23 professionalism that allowed him to deal effectively with school  
24 officials in order to achieve consensus on complex issues; and

1           WHEREAS, Though he built an impressive record of achievements  
2 during his time with the UIL, Dr. Farney is especially proud of his  
3 work in expanding the offerings for female athletes and in  
4 establishing the organization's waiver in regard to student  
5 eligibility; he also made significant progress in developing the  
6 UIL academic and fine arts programs and added a number of new team  
7 sports, and he won acclaim for shepherding the growth of the Texas  
8 Interscholastic League Foundation, which provides financial  
9 support for state academic competitors; and

10           WHEREAS, Overseeing school extracurricular activities during  
11 an eventful era in UIL history, Bill Farney further enhanced the  
12 Lone Star State's reputation as an innovative leader in the field of  
13 educational competition, and his work will continue to benefit  
14 Texas students for years to come; now, therefore, be it

15           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
16 Legislature hereby commend Dr. William Doyle Farney for his  
17 outstanding service with the University Interscholastic League and  
18 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success and  
19 happiness; and, be it further

20           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
21 prepared for Dr. Farney as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
22 House of Representatives.