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H.R. No. 1481

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Superintendent Jack Singley retired in March 2009
2 after 44 years of distinguished service to the Irving Independent
3 School District; and

4 WHEREAS, Born and raised in Oklahoma, Mr. Singley won a
5 baseball scholarship to Texas A&M University and went on to earn a
6 bachelor's degree in mathematics and a master's degree in education
7 there; he later completed a postgraduate program in administration
8 at the University of North Texas to earn a Superintendent's
9 Professional Certificate; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Singley began his career as a math teacher at
11 MacArthur High School in 1965; three years later he became vice
12 principal of Bowie Junior High, and his skill and commitment to
13 excellence led him to a series of progressively more responsible
14 positions, including high school principal, district personnel
15 director, and district assistant superintendent for administration
16 and personnel; he became superintendent in 1988; and

17 WHEREAS, During more than two decades leading Irving ISD, Mr.
18 Singley provided stability and a firm hand as the community
19 experienced dramatic demographic changes; he led successful bond
20 elections to build schools to accommodate a growing enrollment,
21 overseeing the addition of eight new campuses; in recent years, he
22 made special efforts to recruit bilingual faculty and staff and
23 made the district the first in the Dallas area to issue laptops to
24 all high school students; and

1 WHEREAS, Through Mr. Singley's sound fiscal management,
2 Irving ISD received the Superior Achievement rating from the School
3 Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas five years in a row and
4 was consistently listed among the top three most cost-efficient
5 school districts in the state by the Education Resource Group,
6 which ranked it No. 1 in both 2005 and 2006; and

7 WHEREAS, This dedicated administrator held himself and
8 everyone in the district to high standards, serving as both a role
9 model and a mentor to young educators; his chief focus was on the
10 needs of Irving's children and of their instructors, and once, in
11 explaining the district budget to a reporter, he categorized
12 himself and other administrators as "just support staff for the
13 classroom teacher"; and

14 WHEREAS, The American Association of School Administrators
15 presented Mr. Singley with a 2004 President's Technology Award
16 recognizing his leadership in the successful integration of
17 technology in schools; he was named Region 10 Superintendent of the
18 Year for 2002-2003, and his other accolades include a Life
19 Membership Award from the Texas and National Congress of Parents
20 and Teachers Associations and the Boy Scouts of America Silver
21 Beaver Award; and

22 WHEREAS, Among his many affiliations, Mr. Singley is a member
23 of the Texas Association of School Administrators, the American
24 Association of School Administrators, the National Association of
25 Secondary School Principals, and the Irving Retired Teachers
26 Association; he has contributed to the wider community as a member
27 of the Irving Rotary Club and a sustaining member of the Irving YMCA

1 and the Boy Scouts of America Circle Ten Council; and

2 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Singley has enjoyed the
3 love and support of his wife, Carolyn, a retired English teacher,
4 and their children, Brandt and Ryn; and

5 WHEREAS, Jack Singley served one of the longest terms of any
6 superintendent in Texas, and his retirement truly marks the end of
7 an era for Irving ISD; although he will be missed, he leaves behind
8 a record of integrity and commitment to excellence that will
9 resonate in the community for years to come; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Jack Singley on the occasion of his
12 retirement and commend him for his myriad achievements as
13 superintendent of the Irving Independent School District; and, be
14 it further

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