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H.R. No. 1820

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, John Lemons is retiring as superintendent of the  
2 Bushland Independent School District on June 30, 2009, and this  
3 occasion provides a fitting opportunity to honor him for the  
4 notable contributions he has made throughout his career in  
5 education; and

6           WHEREAS, The son of a schoolteacher, John Lemons was raised  
7 in Memphis, Texas; he graduated from Memphis High School and  
8 attended The University of Texas, Texas Tech University, and West  
9 Texas A&M University, ultimately earning a master's degree in  
10 administration; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. Lemons began his career in education as a  
12 teacher with Canyon ISD; during his 15 years with the district, he  
13 went on to serve as assistant principal at Valley View Junior High,  
14 principal at Rex Reeves Elementary School, the first principal at  
15 Randall High School, and associate executive director at the Region  
16 XVI Education Service Center; and

17           WHEREAS, When this dedicated administrator became  
18 superintendent of Bushland ISD in 1995, the district served just  
19 422 students enrolled in kindergarten through the eighth grade;  
20 during his tenure, enrollment nearly tripled and the tax base more  
21 than doubled; moreover, Bushland added high school instruction to  
22 its educational offerings and is graduating its second senior class  
23 in May 2009; in the course of this dramatic expansion, schools in  
24 the district upheld exceptional academic standards and claimed

1 numerous athletic championships, including six district titles in  
2 2008-2009 alone and back-to-back state championships in volleyball  
3 in 2007 and 2008; and

4 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Lemons enjoys the love and  
5 support of his wife, Sherry, and his two children, and his family  
6 also includes five grandchildren and a great-granddaughter; he is a  
7 member of the choir at his church and enjoys music and golf in his  
8 leisure time; and

9 WHEREAS, Through his genuine concern for the well-being of  
10 young people and his passion for education, John Lemons has  
11 overseen many advancements during his years with Bushland ISD, and  
12 he may indeed reflect with pride on his outstanding record of  
13 service; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
15 Legislature hereby honor John Lemons on his retirement as  
16 superintendent of the Bushland Independent School District and  
17 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be  
18 it further

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