

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Richard B. Cowan has distinguished himself through
2 his service as superintendent of the New Caney Independent School
3 District; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Cowan received his education from Sam Houston
5 State University, earning his bachelor's degree in teaching in 1971
6 and his master's degree in education in 1980; he also holds
7 mid-management and superintendent certifications from SHSU; and

8 WHEREAS, From 1971 to 1979, Mr. Cowan taught in the Spring and
9 Magnolia school districts, and he went on to serve as assistant
10 principal in two districts; from 1988 to 1993, he was principal of
11 Montgomery Junior High School, and from 1993 to 1995, he was
12 principal of Diboll High School; after serving as superintendent of
13 Van Vleck ISD from 1995 to 1998, he became superintendent of New
14 Caney ISD in 1998; and

15 WHEREAS, During Mr. Cowan's tenure as superintendent, New
16 Caney ISD has earned a series of "Recognized" ratings from the Texas
17 Education Agency; he played a vital role in winning approval of more
18 than \$200 million in bonds, leading to the addition of five new
19 elementary schools, a new middle school, and the district's second
20 high school; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Cowan was named Superintendent of the Year for
22 Region VI by the Texas Association of School Boards; he has received
23 recognition from the community as well, having twice been named a
24 Hometown Hero by the Community Chamber of Commerce of East

1 Montgomery County; he has been named as a Paul Harris Fellow by the
2 Rotary Club of East Montgomery County; and

3 WHEREAS, Since 1998, Rick Cowan has contributed greatly to
4 the development of New Caney ISD, and his dedication to the
5 district's students, teachers, and staff merits special
6 recognition; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
8 Legislature hereby commend Richard B. Cowan on his service to New
9 Caney ISD and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and,
10 be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1942

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1942 was adopted by the House on May 19, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House