

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. David A. Polnick, superintendent of the Abilene
2 Independent School District, is retiring from that post in June
3 2010, after 38 years of outstanding service in the field of
4 education; and

5 WHEREAS, Since assuming the superintendency of Abilene ISD in
6 June 2003, Dr. Polnick has overseen the education of more than
7 16,000 students each year and worked tirelessly to provide them
8 with superior instruction; among the challenges to which he has
9 devoted particular attention have been preparing students for the
10 changing needs of the workplace and dramatically upgrading the
11 district's technological infrastructure; in 2006, *Business Outlook*
12 magazine rated the Abilene public school system as the 17th best
13 among urban districts across the country; and

14 WHEREAS, Born and raised in Abilene, David Polnick began his
15 career with Abilene ISD as a fifth-grade teacher; after eight years
16 in the classroom and another eight years as an elementary school
17 principal, he became assistant superintendent and then deputy
18 superintendent for business and finance, an office he held for 13
19 years; from 2001 to 2003, he served as assistant superintendent for
20 financial services with the Lubbock Independent School District;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, This distinguished educator is the first school
23 superintendent in the United States to receive the highest award
24 conferred on civilians by the United States Air Force, the Scroll of

1 Appreciation; that honor was bestowed on him in recognition of his
2 assistance to military families at Dyess Air Force Base; he is also
3 the recipient of the 2007 HEB Excellence in Education Award; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Polnick earned his bachelor's degree from
5 Concordia Teachers College, his master's degree from Abilene
6 Christian University, and his doctorate from Texas Tech University;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, David Polnick and his wife, Mary Ann, have a son and
9 daughter-in-law, Benjamin and Kimberly Polnick, a daughter, Julie
10 Polnick, and a grandson, Creighton; and

11 WHEREAS, Through his unwavering commitment to the district's
12 students and staff, Dr. David Polnick has led the way in fostering a
13 supportive and challenging educational environment, one that gives
14 students a vision of what they might attain if they strive for
15 success and that equips them with skills they will need to build
16 fulfilling and productive lives; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
18 Legislature hereby honor Dr. David A. Polnick for his exceptional
19 service as superintendent of the Abilene Independent School
20 District and extend to him sincere best wishes for much happiness in
21 the years ahead; and, be it further

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

King of Taylor

H.R. No. 2404

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2404 was adopted by the House on May 28, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House