

By: Quintanilla

H.R. No. 2939

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Mary Benham is retiring from the Socorro Independent
2 School District on June 30, 2009, drawing to a close a notable
3 career that has spanned three and a half decades; and

4 WHEREAS, A member of the Socorro ISD staff for the past 11
5 years, Ms. Benham formerly served the district as assistant
6 superintendent for financial services; in that capacity, she
7 oversaw the growth of the district's fund balance from \$10 million
8 to almost \$45 million, a figure that ensures a better bond rating
9 and that enables the district to maintain competitive salaries and
10 sustainable programs for schools; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Benham has held the post of interim
12 superintendent for the 2008-2009 school year, and during her tenure
13 the district's Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills scores have
14 greatly improved; it is likely that 11 schools will be rated
15 Exemplary, up from 3 a year ago; and

16 WHEREAS, Throughout her distinguished career with the
17 Socorro ISD, Ms. Benham has earned the admiration of her fellow
18 administrators as well as the respect of teachers, students, and
19 parents, and she may indeed take great pride in her achievements as
20 she embarks on the next exciting chapter of her life; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
23 Legislature hereby congratulate Mary Benham on the occasion of her
24 retirement from the Socorro Independent School District and extend

H.R. No. 2939

1 to her sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness;
2 and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for Ms. Benham as an expression of high regard by the Texas
5 House of Representatives.