

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Walter R. Pond, superintendent of the Rockdale Independent School District, who is retiring after 38 years of outstanding service with the district; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Texas A&M University, Mr. Pond began his career with the Rockdale Independent School District as a student teacher in 1971; he began teaching high school the same year and has held a number of other positions, including assistant principal, principal, and director of personnel, maintenance, and transportation; he has served as the district's superintendent for the last 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Mr. Pond has been noted for his superior skills and expertise as an educator and administrator; under his leadership, the district anticipated the need for technology in schools and secured grants to acquire this fundamental element of today's educational process; and

WHEREAS, Talented and resourceful, Mr. Pond has handled his many responsibilities with exceptional efficiency and dedication; he played a major role in the recent passage of the \$28.8 million bond package, which is adding new schools and providing much-needed renovation to others; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary educator, Mr. Pond is respected and admired by his colleagues, and his presence at the Rockdale Independent School District will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend Walter R. Pond on his exceptional service to the Rockdale Independent School District and extend to him best wishes for the retirement years ahead; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 14, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate