

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 626

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Vernon Newsom on the occasion of his retirement as superintendent of the Mansfield Independent School District in June of 2009, after a career in education spanning some 35 years; and

WHEREAS, Vernon Newsom became superintendent of the Mansfield Independent School District in 1996; he served previously as a teacher, principal, and director in the district for 13 years and as the superintendent of the Wimberley Independent School District for seven years; and

WHEREAS, Under Mr. Newsom's leadership, 19 of the Mansfield Independent School District's 36 campuses have received an Exemplary or Recognized rating, and the district's math and reading initiatives have proved successful; and

WHEREAS, During Mr. Newsom's tenure, the community has overwhelmingly passed six bond packages, and since 2000, Mr. Newsom has overseen the construction of 24 new campuses, including three high schools, a new administration building, a facilities complex, a new transportation building, and the Ben Barber Career Tech Academy; he also oversaw the creation of the Mansfield Independent School District Education Foundation, which was formed in 1998 and has contributed more than \$1.6 million to fund innovative education projects in the district; and

WHEREAS, The Mansfield Independent School District has earned an excellent reputation and has been listed consistently among the fastest-growing school districts in the state, in great

part because of Vernon Newsom's exceptional efforts in promoting the goals of the district and improving student achievement; and

WHEREAS, A consummate professional, Mr. Newsom is active in many professional and community organizations, and he is recognized for his outstanding leadership and his reliable judgment; he has had a positive influence on the lives of many students and members of the faculty and staff, and his presence in the Mansfield Independent School District will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend Vernon Newsom for his outstanding contributions to the educational system of the Mansfield Independent School District and the State of Texas and extend to him best wishes in all his future endeavors; and, be it further

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

Harris, Averitt, Davis

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 15, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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