

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 923

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Dr. Amy Jo Baker, who is retiring as director of social studies of the San Antonio Independent School District after 40 years of outstanding service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Baker earned her bachelor's and master's degrees at Trinity University and went on to receive her doctorate at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Baker began her career with the San Antonio Independent School District as a student teacher at Alamo Heights High School; she has gone on to hold positions of increasing responsibility, culminating in her appointment as director of social studies; and

WHEREAS, Combining wisdom and empathy with professionalism and passion, Dr. Baker has been a positive influence in the lives of innumerable students; she has organized numerous field experiences for her students, including trips to Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., and New York City; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Baker has played an important role in developing the social studies curricula for the district and the state; she has served on several textbook and curriculum committees, and she authored *Texas Past and Present*, a state-adopted textbook for fourth grade Texas history; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary educator and administrator, Dr. Baker is respected and admired by her colleagues, and her presence at the San Antonio Independent School District will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend Dr. Amy Jo Baker on her many contributions to education in our state and extend to her best wishes for the retirement years ahead; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Van de Putte

President of the Senate

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

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate