

By: Branch

H.R. No. 250

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Ben Coker is retiring as assistant
2 superintendent of business services for Highland Park Independent
3 School District on July 31, 2011, drawing to a close a notable
4 tenure in education that has spanned more than four decades; and

5 WHEREAS, Earlier in his career, Dr. Coker distinguished
6 himself as assistant superintendent of general administration and
7 business services for Goose Creek Consolidated ISD in Baytown and
8 as assistant superintendent of business and finance for Paris ISD;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Coker joined Highland Park ISD in 2001 and has
11 since played a vital role in ensuring the district's financial
12 integrity and stability; he managed the 2008 bond issue, and thanks
13 in large part to his skill and leadership, HPISD is the only
14 district in the state to earn and maintain a AAA bond rating; and

15 WHEREAS, Widely recognized as one of the state's leading
16 experts on school finance, Dr. Coker has served as an officer for
17 the Texas Association of School Boards Risk Management Fund and for
18 the Texas Association of School Board Officials; and

19 WHEREAS, Ben Coker's dedication, professionalism, and
20 commitment to excellence have greatly benefited the citizens of
21 Highland Park and earned him the respect and admiration of his
22 peers, and he may indeed reflect with pride on his accomplishments
23 as he embarks on the next exciting chapter of his life; now,
24 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
2 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Dr. Ben Coker
3 on his retirement from the Highland Park Independent School
4 District and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
5 happiness; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for Dr. Coker as an expression of high regard by the Texas
8 House of Representatives.