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H.C.R. No. 31

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Texas is home to 1,035 school districts, each of  
2 which is represented by a board of trustees that charts the  
3 direction of educational programs and services, establishes  
4 operating policies, and ensures the financial viability of the  
5 district; although school boards are integral to the state's public  
6 education system, they are not subject to accountability by the  
7 Texas Education Agency; and

8 WHEREAS, The current accountability system for public  
9 education in Texas holds students, teachers, schools, and districts  
10 responsible for their performance; and

11 WHEREAS, Students must demonstrate academic ability on  
12 standardized statewide tests and end-of-course assessments;  
13 classroom teachers are held accountable for the collective  
14 performance of their students through a system of appraisals and  
15 incentives; and

16 WHEREAS, Individual campuses and districts are held  
17 accountable for their overall school or district performance  
18 through an accreditation system that rewards excellence and  
19 provides interventions for those rated academically unacceptable;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Currently, there is no system in place for  
22 evaluating the performance of school boards, those organizations  
23 charged with the essential task of ensuring that each student, each  
24 classroom teacher, each campus, and each district have the best

1 possible opportunity to succeed; now, therefore, be it

2       RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas  
3 hereby request the Texas Education Agency to develop a rating  
4 system for the performance of local school boards; and, be it  
5 further

6       RESOLVED, That requirements for the rating system include the  
7 following provisions: (1) each school board is to receive a rating  
8 every two years; (2) the system is to include a measurement to  
9 assess the allocation of personnel to low-performing schools; (3)  
10 the system is to include a measurement to assess the allocation of  
11 financial resources to low-performing schools; and (4) reports of  
12 the ratings are to be made available to the Texas Legislature by  
13 September of each even-numbered year; and, be it further

14       RESOLVED, That the secretary of state forward an official  
15 copy of this resolution to the commissioner of education of the  
16 Texas Education Agency.