

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Christopher Dawson Herrington is retiring as lead
2 teacher at the Martin School of Choice in Nacogdoches, drawing to a
3 close a distinguished career in education that has spanned 34
4 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Herrington has worked at the Martin School of
6 Choice, an alternative school for at-risk students in the
7 Nacogdoches Independent School District, since 1991; he teaches
8 English and language arts to children in the 8th through 12th
9 grades, employing a self-paced curriculum and accelerated learning
10 techniques to help students who have struggled in traditional
11 schools; and

12 WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to the youth in his classes, Mr.
13 Herrington has served not only as a teacher but as a mentor and, at
14 times, a father figure, helping to guide his students through times
15 of extreme adversity while encouraging them to strive for a better
16 future; determined that they always have someone they could turn
17 to, he has kept in touch via phone and Facebook, called on them in
18 their homes, and even become a licensed minister in order to visit
19 students who were hospitalized or incarcerated; and

20 WHEREAS, In addition to standing by his students in the tough
21 times, Mr. Herrington has helped them celebrate their triumphs; he
22 has been included in their weddings and family gatherings, and he
23 has played with their children; he has had the great pleasure of
24 seeing many of his former students grow up to enjoy successful

1 careers and productive lives; and

2 WHEREAS, Chris Herrington shares his passion for education
3 with his wife, Glenda, the director of human resources at Stephen F.
4 Austin State University; in his spare time he blogs and writes
5 essays, and he is an avid racquetball player; and

6 WHEREAS, During his more than three decades as an educator,
7 Christopher Herrington has demonstrated an unwavering commitment
8 to his students, and his hard work and diligence have helped improve
9 the lives of countless young people; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Christopher Herrington on the
12 occasion of his retirement and extend to him sincere best wishes for
13 happiness in the years ahead; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Mr. Herrington as an expression of high regard by the
16 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2127

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2127 was adopted by the House on May 26, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House