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H.R. No. 2580

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Superintendent Richard Middleton is retiring from
2 the North East Independent School District in San Antonio in June
3 2011, concluding a distinguished career in education that has
4 spanned nearly four decades; and

5 WHEREAS, A graduate of Robert E. Lee High School in San
6 Antonio, Richard Middleton received his bachelor's degree from
7 Trinity University and went on to earn his master's degree from The
8 University of Texas at San Antonio and his doctoral degree from The
9 University of Texas at Austin; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Middleton began his career as a history and
11 government teacher at Roosevelt High School in 1972; through the
12 years, his skill and commitment to excellence led him to a series of
13 progressively more responsible positions in the San Antonio,
14 Austin, and Houston areas; in 1990, he was appointed to his current
15 position as superintendent; and

16 WHEREAS, During more than two decades leading North East ISD,
17 Dr. Middleton has worked to develop a number of vital initiatives,
18 including a wellness program and the Indoor Air Quality Tools for
19 Schools program, both of which have received national recognition
20 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the American
21 Association of School Administrators; in addition, the North East
22 Compass, a data warehouse and management system, was created under
23 his direction, as was the STEM RAM Academy, a magnet program for
24 middle and high school students interested in science, technology,

1 engineering, and mathematics; moreover, Dr. Middleton's efforts
2 helped the district to win a 2010 PEP Grant to expand physical
3 education; and

4 WHEREAS, This esteemed administrator has been recognized
5 with a number of honors, including the Texas Health Champion Award
6 and the H-E-B Excellence in Education Award, and he was selected as
7 the Texas representative for the American Association of School
8 Administrators National Superintendent of the Year program; his
9 knowledge and expertise also earned him a position on the Select
10 Committee on Public School Finance Weights, Allotments and
11 Adjustments and on the Communities Putting Prevention to Work
12 Leadership Team; and

13 WHEREAS, Richard Middleton has held himself and everyone in
14 the district to the highest standards, and he will leave behind a
15 record of achievement and commitment to excellence that will
16 resonate in the community for years to come; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
18 Legislature hereby congratulate Richard Middleton on his
19 retirement and commend him for his outstanding accomplishments as
20 superintendent of the North East Independent School District; and,
21 be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for Dr. Middleton as an expression of high regard by the
24 Texas House of Representatives.