

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 437**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Dr. Richard A. Middleton, who is retiring after more than 20 years of outstanding service as superintendent of the North East Independent School District; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Middleton began his career as an educator at the North East Independent School District in 1972 as a history and government teacher at Roosevelt High School, returning to the district after having graduated from Robert E. Lee High School; he held various other positions across the state before being named as superintendent in 1990; and

**WHEREAS**, Under his leadership, the district has received numerous honors and awards, including eight National Exemplary Schools, two National Drug-Free Schools, and two national Centers of Excellence for the Teaching of English; it has been named a National Center for Gifted Education and is home to a National Exemplary Community Education Program and to nationally recognized school volunteer, dropout retrieval, and after-school care programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Middleton is known for his commitment to open communication with the board of trustees, parents, employees, and the community; he shepherded four bond packages through the election process and led the development of the North East Wellness program; and

**WHEREAS**, An exemplary educator and administrator, he is respected and admired by his colleagues, and his presence at the North East Independent School District will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

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**RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend Dr. Richard A. Middleton on his exceptional service to the people of San Antonio as superintendent of the North East Independent School District and extend to him best wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Van de Putte, Uresti,  
Wentworth, Zaffirini

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 7, 2011.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate

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