

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1239

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Dr. Melody Johnson, who is retiring as superintendent of the Fort Worth Independent School District; and

**WHEREAS**, A graduate of Phillips University in Enid, Oklahoma, Dr. Johnson earned her master's degree at Texas Woman's University and her doctorate at The University of Texas at Austin; she joined the Fort Worth Independent School District in 2005 after serving as superintendent of schools in Providence, Rhode Island, where she earned national recognition for her successful efforts to improve student achievement by instituting long-term systemic reforms and fostering a collaborative environment; and

**WHEREAS**, During her tenure in Fort Worth, Dr. Johnson has led the way in launching a new and relevant curriculum and instituting accountability measures and sound business practices; she has worked to ensure that the district is prepared for the challenges of the future by establishing it as a Digital District; and

**WHEREAS**, Innovative and resourceful, Dr. Johnson has worked with community leaders to demonstrate how they can have a profound impact on school completion and academic success in mathematics and science through Project Prevail; she also established the first Office of Parent Engagement to promote parental involvement and empowerment in the educational process; and

**WHEREAS**, She is respected and admired by faculty, staff, and students throughout the district for her efforts to make Fort Worth's the best urban school district in the nation, and her leadership as superintendent of the Fort Worth Independent School District will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend Dr. Melody Johnson on her exceptional service as superintendent of the Fort Worth Independent School District and extend to her best wishes for continued success in all her future endeavors; and, be it further

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

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 27, 2011.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate