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H.R. No. 89

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the State of Texas
2 is pleased to recognize Nancy Blackwell, who is retiring as
3 principal of MacArthur High School on June 10, 2013, after a long
4 and distinguished career with the Aldine Independent School
5 District; and

6 WHEREAS, She joined the district in 1986 and taught at Orange
7 Grove Elementary School before moving into administration as
8 assistant principal at Carmichael Elementary School; she went on to
9 serve as principal at Worsham Elementary and Hambrick Middle
10 Schools before assuming her role at MacArthur High School in 2005;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Under her exceptional leadership, MacArthur High
13 School has enjoyed success in a wide array of activities, from
14 academic decathlon to athletics to dance team and jazz ensemble
15 performances; it has consistently been listed among the best high
16 schools in the country by *U.S. News and World Report* and is the only
17 high school in the nation to win an Excellence in Education Award
18 from the National Center for Urban School Transformation; and

19 WHEREAS, She has dedicated her career to helping ensure that
20 her students achieve graduation, and she was named the district's
21 Secondary Principal of the Year in 2011; and

22 WHEREAS, An exemplary educator and administrator, she is
23 respected and admired by her colleagues and by students throughout
24 the district, and her presence at MacArthur High School will be

1 greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
3 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby commend Nancy Blackwell on
4 her commitment to her profession and her many achievements and
5 extend to her best wishes for continued success in all her
6 endeavors; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for her
8 as an expression of esteem from the Texas House of Representatives.