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H.R. No. 803

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Gene Buinger is retiring as superintendent of  
2 the Hurst-Eules-Bedford Independent School District on June 30,  
3 2013, drawing to a close a notable tenure in education that has  
4 spanned more than four decades; and

5 WHEREAS, A veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, Dr. Buinger  
6 credits the rigors of his military service for equipping him with  
7 the "mental toughness and perseverance" required to lead a school  
8 district; his own impressive academic foundation includes a  
9 bachelor's degree from Fort Hays State University, a master's  
10 degree from the University of Missouri at Kansas City, and a  
11 doctorate from Oklahoma State University; through the years, he has  
12 also participated in postgraduate opportunities at the University  
13 of Southern California and the Teacher's College at Columbia  
14 University; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Buinger began his career in 1968 as a social  
16 studies teacher in Kansas City; he went on to gain administrative  
17 experience as a high school principal, and at the age of 33, he was  
18 named superintendent of a school district in Halstead, Kansas; he  
19 subsequently accepted posts in Odessa and Macon, Georgia, before  
20 joining H-E-B ISD in 1999; and

21 WHEREAS, During his notable 14-year tenure with the district,  
22 Dr. Buinger implemented International Baccalaureate and the  
23 International Business Initiative and expanded the Schools of  
24 Choice program with Asian languages, Core Knowledge, Suzuki

1 Strings, and Spanish Immersion; his guidance has also helped the  
2 district nearly eliminate the achievement gap as TAKS performance  
3 by African American, Hispanic, and economically disadvantaged  
4 students has increased by 20 percentage points in some areas since  
5 2004; and

6 WHEREAS, Gene Buinger's dedication, professionalism, and  
7 commitment to excellence have greatly benefited the students of  
8 Hurst-Euless-Bedford, and he may indeed reflect with pride on his  
9 accomplishments as he embarks on the next exciting chapter of his  
10 life; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Gene Buinger on his retirement  
13 as superintendent of the Hurst-Euless-Bedford Independent School  
14 District and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and,  
15 be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for Dr. Buinger as an expression of high regard by the  
18 Texas House of Representatives.