By: Craddick H.R. No. 1982

RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Lindsey Wallace, Jr., is retiring as superintendent 2 of the Dawson Independent School District at the conclusion of the

3 2012-2013 school year, drawing to a close a notable tenure in

4 education that has spanned three decades; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Wallace's early education took place in Clifton,

6 and he became the first person in his family to graduate from

7 college when he earned his bachelor's degree at Howard Payne

8 University; he later received a master's degree in religious

9 education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, a

10 master's degree in school administration from Sul Ross State

11 University, and superintendent certification from Angelo State

12 University; and

WHEREAS, Beginning his career as a teacher and coach in

14 Imperial, he subsequently accepted posts in Hamilton, Marfa,

15 Itasca, and Rankin, where he also worked as an assistant principal;

16 he later became a middle school principal in Reagan County, then

17 served the Robert Lee Independent School District as an elementary

18 principal, high school principal, and superintendent; he had also

19 been a high school principal in Elgin ISD before becoming the

20 superintendent of Dawson in 2006; and

21 WHEREAS, A genial and inspiring leader who prefers small

22 schools, Mr. Wallace adheres to the belief that an outstanding

23 educational system is built on the personal connections established

24 with families and the community at large; through the years, he has

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- 1 successfully carried out that practice, resulting in the campuses
- 2 and districts under his guidance earning numerous Recognized and
- 3 Exemplary accountability ratings, and he has consistently
- 4 demonstrated his ability to help students and staff reach their
- 5 full potential; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Generous with his time and talents outside the
- 7 office as well, Mr. Wallace can always be counted on to fill in as a
- 8 bus driver or to transport students to sporting events or the
- 9 doctor's office in his personal vehicle; this Good Samaritan has
- 10 even paid bills anonymously to help out needy families; he was
- 11 selected as an FFA Supporter in the Robert Lee and Dawson school
- 12 districts and designated a friend of the Family, Career and
- 13 Community Leaders of America, which acknowledged his many
- 14 achievements at its regional conference in February 2013; and
- WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Wallace enjoys the love
- 16 and support of his wife of 34 years, Janet, and their treasured
- 17 family has grown over time to include a daughter, Rachel Thornell,
- 18 and her husband, Corban; after his retirement, Mr. Wallace will
- 19 join his wife in Midland, where she is the principal of a charter
- 20 school; and
- 21 WHEREAS, Lindsey Wallace's dedication, professionalism, and
- 22 commitment to excellence have enriched the education of countless
- 23 young Texans, and he may indeed reflect with pride on his
- 24 accomplishments as he embarks on the next exciting chapter of his
- 25 life; now, therefore, be it
- 26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
- 27 Legislature hereby congratulate Lindsey Wallace on his retirement

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- 1 as superintendent of the Dawson Independent School District and
- 2 extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further
- 3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 4 prepared for Mr. Wallace as an expression of high regard by the
- 5 Texas House of Representatives.