

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 24

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas takes pride in recognizing Dr. Gene Buinger, who is retiring from his position as superintendent of the Hurst-Eules-Bedford Independent School District and who is being honored at the Catalyst of Hope Luncheon on January 24, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Buinger began his career in education in the suburbs of Kansas City, where he was a social studies teacher, a coach, and an assistant principal; he later served as superintendent of schools in Halstead, Kansas, and from 1989 to 1996, he served as superintendent of schools in Odessa, Texas, during the time *Friday Night Lights* was published; and

WHEREAS, After a stint as a superintendent in Macon, Georgia, he joined Hurst-Eules-Bedford Independent School District in June of 1999; during his tenure, the International Baccalaureate and other innovative programs were implemented and Mandarin Chinese, Hindi, and Arabic were added to the language options; and

WHEREAS, Now in his 33rd year of service as a superintendent of schools, Dr. Buinger has long been recognized as an outstanding leader by his peers in the educational community; as superintendent of the Hurst-Eules-Bedford Independent School District, Dr. Buinger has set an impressive course in the pursuit of educational excellence by stressing open communication and the need for each school to foster a positive educational ambience; his distinguished leadership has played a major role in making the district the exceptional school system it is today; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend Dr. Gene Buinger on his notable accomplishments as superintendent of the Hurst-Eules-Bedford Independent School District and extend congratulations to him on earning the Catalyst of Hope Award; and, be it further

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

Davis

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 23, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate