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H.R. No. 537

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Richard Matkin retired as superintendent of the
2 Plano Independent School District on January 30, 2015, drawing to a
3 close an outstanding 40-year career in the field of public
4 education; and

5 WHEREAS, During his tenure with Plano ISD, Mr. Matkin spent
6 11 years as the associate superintendent for business services, and
7 in 2012 he was appointed superintendent after having previously led
8 the district on an interim basis; renowned for his financial
9 expertise, he successfully managed the district's budget and played
10 a key role in the successful effort to pass four bond proposals;
11 those funds facilitated many classroom initiatives, as well as the
12 construction of 11 new schools, a staff development center, a
13 stadium, and other improvements; in addition, he oversaw the
14 creation of the Community and Student Engagement Accountability
15 System, which has since been implemented by 30 other school
16 districts in the region; and

17 WHEREAS, This esteemed professional helped Plano ISD garner
18 the highest rating in the assessment conducted by Schools Financial
19 Integrity Rating System of Texas and a Certificate of Achievement
20 for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance
21 Officers Association; beyond his exceptional efforts to place the
22 district on a sound financial footing, he demonstrated strong
23 support for teachers, and his advocacy in their behalf greatly
24 benefited the educational mission of Plano ISD; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Matkin's career as an educator included
2 teaching assignments in math, history, health, and physical
3 education, and he is also a certified public accountant; a graduate
4 of Austin College, where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees,
5 he was honored with that institution's Distinguished Alumni Award
6 in 2013; in all his endeavors, he enjoys the love and support of his
7 wife, Debbie, and their two children; as he begins his retirement,
8 he is looking forward to spending more time with his loved ones,
9 especially his two grandchildren, who are just starting on their
10 own educational journeys; and

11 WHEREAS, The Plano Independent School District has gained
12 immeasurably from Richard Matkin's visionary leadership and his
13 commitment to creating a superior learning atmosphere for young
14 Texans, and he may reflect with pride on a job well done; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
17 Legislature hereby congratulate Richard Matkin on his retirement as
18 superintendent of the Plano Independent School District and extend
19 to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for Mr. Matkin as an expression of high regard by the Texas
22 House of Representatives.