

By: Davis of Dallas

H.R. No. 2098

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Warren Seay is stepping down from the DeSoto
2 Independent School District Board of Trustees on May 26, 2015,
3 after six years of outstanding service to that body; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Seay first won a seat on the DeSoto ISD board in
5 May 2009 at the age of 20, becoming the youngest elected official in
6 Dallas County history, and he has served as president of the group
7 since 2011; during his tenure on the board, he has played an
8 instrumental role in creating the DeSoto Early College High School
9 and the iSTEAM Academy, in securing a GEAR UP grant from the
10 U.S. Department of Education, and in expanding early childhood
11 education to full-day pre-K for all eligible students; he has also
12 overseen the development of the International Baccalaureate
13 Diploma Program and the renovation of DeSoto High School to provide
14 improved facilities for the College and Career Academies;
15 furthermore, he has skillfully balanced the budget while lowering
16 the tax rate and increasing teacher pay; and

17 WHEREAS, A native of Dallas County, Warren Seay attended
18 Southern Methodist University, graduating summa cum laude in 2010
19 with a bachelor of arts in political science and returning to earn a
20 juris doctor degree in 2013; during the course of his collegiate
21 career, he published a chapter entitled "Human Rights in Egypt" in
22 *Human Rights and National Security Dilemmas* and drafted a chapter
23 on affirmative action for *Contentious Social Issues*; he was
24 recognized as a Ray and Nancy Ann Hunt Leadership Scholar, a USA

1 Today Academic All-American, an Institute for Responsible
2 Citizenship Scholar, and SMU's Most Outstanding Senior Man, and he
3 received the Harry S. Truman Scholarship; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Seay has continued to excel as an attorney with
5 the Real Estate Finance Practice Group at Winstead PC, where he
6 represents national and local banks and capital market lenders and
7 borrowers and serves on the firm's diversity committee; he is an
8 active member of the Dallas Bar Association and the JL Turner Legal
9 Society, and he was named a 2015 Black Alumni of SMU History Maker
10 and a Winstead's Juris Doctor Scholar in recognition of his myriad
11 accomplishments; and

12 WHEREAS, Through his visionary leadership and passionate
13 commitment to the schoolchildren of DeSoto, this dynamic young
14 Texan has contributed immeasurably to his community, and he has
15 earned the respect and appreciation of countless area residents;
16 now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
18 Legislature hereby honor Warren Seay for his service on the DeSoto
19 Independent School District Board of Trustees and extend to him
20 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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