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H.R. No. 2780

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, David Smolik is retiring as principal of Sacred  
2 Heart Catholic School in Hallettsville after 45 years of exemplary  
3 service in education; and

4           WHEREAS, Mr. Smolik began his career as a junior high  
5 teacher, working in the Weslaco and North Forest Independent School  
6 Districts; he then went on to take positions as assistant principal  
7 of Northwood Middle School and Smiley High School and as principal  
8 of Kirby Middle School; and

9           WHEREAS, Mr. Smolik moved back to his hometown in 1981 to  
10 teach world history at Hallettsville High School before becoming  
11 principal of his alma mater, Sacred Heart Catholic School, in 1984;  
12 during his three decades as the school's principal, he has helped  
13 expand its academic programs while bringing about numerous  
14 additions and improvements to the campus; and

15           WHEREAS, Over the course of his tenure, he has consistently  
16 demonstrated a keen interest in the endeavors of his students,  
17 speaking with them as they come to school, visiting the classrooms,  
18 cheering them on at extracurricular events, and keeping in touch  
19 even after their high school graduation; he is known for proudly  
20 displaying his Sacred Heart pride through his trademark blue vest  
21 and for presenting royal blue Sacred Heart pencils to lucky  
22 recipients; and

23           WHEREAS, Mr. Smolik has also given generously of his time and  
24 talents to such worthy organizations as the Hallettsville Lions

1 Club, the Fine Arts Executive Committee of the Texas Association of  
2 Private and Parochial Schools, and the Knights of Columbus, which  
3 he has served as youth director; in addition, he acts as  
4 extraordinary minister in his parish; and

5 WHEREAS, In recognition of his commitment to his students and  
6 to the larger community, Mr. Smolik has received the Lions Club  
7 Melvin Jones Foundation Award as well as the National Outstanding  
8 Educator Award for Catholic Secondary Education from the National  
9 Catholic Education Association; and

10 WHEREAS, Through his dedication, his talent as an educator  
11 and administrator, and his personal concern for others, David  
12 Smolik has made a positive and lasting difference in the lives of  
13 his students and their families, and he may take well-deserved  
14 pride in his outstanding record of achievement; now, therefore, be  
15 it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
17 Legislature hereby congratulate David Smolik on his retirement as  
18 principal of Sacred Heart Catholic School and extend to him sincere  
19 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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