

By: Rodriguez of Bexar

H.R. No. 2901

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Sylvester Perez is retiring as superintendent
2 of the San Antonio Independent School District in May 2015, drawing
3 to a close a notable career in education that has spanned more than
4 four decades; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of San Antonio, Dr. Perez studied health,
6 physical education, and history at New Mexico Highlands University,
7 where he was also an All-American player for the school's baseball
8 team, setting a home run record that stood for 29 years; he earned
9 his bachelor's degree in 1972 and his master's degree in health and
10 physical education in 1978; in 1995, he earned a doctorate in
11 educational administration from Texas A&M University; and

12 WHEREAS, During the course of his exemplary 40-year career,
13 Dr. Perez worked as a history teacher for 13 years, and he was also
14 a baseball coach, an athletic director, an assistant principal, and
15 a principal; before joining San Antonio ISD, he served as
16 superintendent in Mathis, Clint, San Marcos, and Midland, taking a
17 leading role in increasing the rate of college-bound students in
18 each of these districts; he became interim superintendent of San
19 Antonio ISD in 2012 and was appointed as the district's 18th
20 superintendent in June 2013; and

21 WHEREAS, In addition, Dr. Perez has been an adjunct professor
22 at Texas A&M University--Kingsville and The University of Texas of
23 the Permian Basin, and he is currently an adjunct professor in the
24 Cooperative Superintendent Program at The University of Texas at

H.R. No. 2901

1 Austin; he was the first Hispanic to be elected to the Legislative
2 Council of the University Interscholastic League, and in 2006, he
3 was one of five finalists for Texas Superintendent of the Year; he
4 is a Distinguished Alumnus of New Mexico Highlands University and a
5 member of that school's Athletic Hall of Fame, and in 2013, he was
6 inducted into the National Hispanic Hall of Honor; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Perez's dedication, professionalism, and
8 commitment to excellence have greatly benefited the students of all
9 the districts where he has worked and earned him the respect and
10 admiration of his fellow educators, and he may indeed reflect with
11 pride on a career well-spent as he embarks upon the next exciting
12 chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
14 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Sylvester Perez on his
15 retirement as superintendent of the San Antonio Independent School
16 District and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
17 happiness; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for Dr. Perez as an expression of high regard by the Texas
20 House of Representatives.