

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 830**

**WHEREAS**, Bennie L. Cole is retiring from his position as secretary of the Northside Independent School District Board of Trustees in 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Cole was elected to the school board in 2011, and during his term, he has served as chair of its Technology Committee and as a member of its Building and Policy and Intergovernmental Relations Committees; moreover, he has been the board's representative to the Northside Education Foundation, of which he is a founding member and a past president; and

**WHEREAS**, This esteemed civic leader has further given of his time and talents as vice chair of the San Antonio Zoning Commission, as a director and trustee of the San Antonio Local Development Company, and as a member of the Downtown Housing Trust Fund Committee, the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commission Scholarship Committee, the Alamo Colleges Bond Committee, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 76, the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., the Federal Bureau of Investigation San Antonio Citizens Academy Alumni Association, and the San Antonio Zulu Association; and

**WHEREAS**, In recognition of his community involvement, Mr. Cole has received a Humanitarian of the Year Award from the San Antonio Police Officers Association, a Certificate of Merit from the San Antonio Police Department, a Leadership Award from the United Negro College Fund, and a San Antonio Black Achievement Award for Public Service, as well as a Distinguished Alumni Award from the Brenham Independent School District, an Amazing Energy Award from CPS Energy, and a Legend Award from the National Coalition of 100 Black Women; and

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**WHEREAS**, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Cole is blessed with the love and support of his wife, Edith Cole, and he takes tremendous pride in their son and their six grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, Through his unwavering dedication to the students and staff of Northside Independent School District, Bennie Cole has helped foster a supportive and challenging educational environment, and in so doing, he has earned the lasting respect and appreciation of his fellow residents; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby commend Bennie L. Cole for his exemplary service as secretary of the Northside Independent School District Board of Trustees and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mr. Cole as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 18, 2015.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate