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H.R. No. 327

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Don Jefferies is retiring as superintendent of the
2 Greenville Independent School District on March 1, 2017, drawing to
3 a close an outstanding tenure with the district that has spanned
4 more than a decade; and

5 WHEREAS, After holding administrative roles in Scottsdale,
6 Arizona, and with the West Orange Cove and Mineral Wells school
7 districts, Mr. Jefferies joined GISD in 2006 as principal of
8 Greenville High School; he became superintendent two years later,
9 and since that time, he has worked tirelessly to address the needs
10 of all students, particularly through programs that utilize
11 product-oriented education; some of the initiatives implemented or
12 expanded under his guidance include Project Graduation, Kid's Day,
13 the Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps, elementary honors
14 choir, and the summer art and robotics programs; he also led the
15 development of the Greenville curriculum department, building a
16 better support system for teachers throughout the district; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Jefferies played a vital role in the development
18 and implementation of a 2014 bond measure that allowed the district
19 to make improvements to each of its schools, in addition to
20 constructing a new Bowie Elementary campus and a state-of-the-art
21 Career and Technology Education Center at Greenville High School;
22 largely due to his efforts, GISD has earned 30 academic
23 distinctions and 17 financial awards in the past several years, and
24 Greenville High recently received the prestigious Texas Science,

1 Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (T-STEM) designation;
2 this accomplished educator has himself garnered numerous accolades
3 over the course of an exemplary career, including selection in 2016
4 as the Region 8 Superintendent of the Year; and

5 WHEREAS, In retirement, Mr. Jefferies is looking forward to
6 spending more time with his wife of 43 years, Linda, as well as with
7 their four children and five grandchildren; he also plans to write
8 and further pursue his lifelong interest in history; and

9 WHEREAS, Through his expertise, vision, and commitment to
10 excellence, Don Jefferies has greatly benefited the students,
11 faculty, and staff of Greenville ISD, and he may indeed reflect with
12 pride on his many accomplishments as he embarks on the next exciting
13 chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
15 Legislature hereby congratulate Don Jefferies on his retirement as
16 superintendent of the Greenville Independent School District and
17 extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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