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H.R. No. 724

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Lynn Burton is retiring as superintendent of the
2 Orange Grove Independent School District on June 30, 2017, drawing
3 to a close an outstanding career in public education that has
4 spanned four decades; and

5 WHEREAS, A 1971 graduate of Sherman High School, Mr. Burton
6 earned a bachelor's degree in political science and history from
7 Baylor University and a master's degree in education from North
8 Texas State University; he developed an interest in teaching after
9 taking a job as a substitute, and he went on to work as a teacher and
10 coach at Nocona ISD before transitioning into administration with
11 assistant principal posts at schools in Grapevine; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Burton served as a high school principal in Van
13 Alstyne from 1982 to 1987 and subsequently spent five years with the
14 Region IX Education Service Center in Wichita Falls, where he
15 specialized in technology and administrator training; he accepted
16 his first superintendent position with Harrold ISD in 1994, and he
17 served in the same role with the Mt. Vernon and Cooper school
18 districts and as an assistant superintendent for districts in
19 Odessa and Sherman; and

20 WHEREAS, This skilled administrator became superintendent of
21 Orange Grove ISD in 2009; during his tenure, the district attained
22 notably high accountability ratings, its first-ever perfect score
23 in the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas, and an A+ rating
24 from Standard & Poor's, the highest in district history; deeply

1 committed to financial planning, Mr. Burton also implemented \$3.6
2 million in facility improvements in the district; in 2015, his
3 leadership skills won recognition when he was named the Regional
4 Superintendent of the Year by the Region II Education Service
5 Center; and

6 WHEREAS, Active in his professional community, Mr. Burton
7 has served the Texas Association of School Administrators as an
8 executive committee member, as a regional advisory committee chair,
9 and as a mentor to other superintendents; he has also been involved
10 in the South Texas Association of Schools and the Texas Rural
11 Education Association, among numerous other organizations; and

12 WHEREAS, Over the course of his long and distinguished
13 career, Lynn Burton's commitment to the highest standards of his
14 profession has benefited countless young Texans, and he may indeed
15 reflect with pride on his many achievements as he embarks on the
16 next exciting chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
18 Legislature hereby congratulate Lynn Burton on his retirement as
19 superintendent of the Orange Grove Independent School District and
20 extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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