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H.R. No. 2096

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Trish Hanks is retiring as superintendent of the
2 Friendswood Independent School District at the end of the 2016-2017
3 school year, drawing to a close an outstanding career in education
4 that has spanned nearly four decades; and

5 WHEREAS, Trish Hanks earned her bachelor's degree at Sam
6 Houston State University and her master's degree from the
7 University of Houston-Clear Lake; she began her career 38 years
8 ago, and she first joined Friendswood ISD in 1985 as a high school
9 teacher; over the years, she has served the district as director of
10 special education and special programs, personnel director,
11 assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, and
12 deputy superintendent; and

13 WHEREAS, Since Mrs. Hanks became district superintendent in
14 2002, Friendswood ISD has regularly ranked among the top one
15 percent of districts in Texas for student performance, earned
16 exemplary ratings for all six campuses and for the district itself
17 from the Texas Education Agency, and passed the largest bond
18 program in its history, resulting in the construction of the new
19 Friendswood Junior High School; moreover, the district has earned a
20 superior financial rating each year from the TEA; and

21 WHEREAS, In addition, Mrs. Hanks has served as president of
22 the State Academic Decathlon Board, as well as a member of the
23 executive committee of the Texas Association of School
24 Administrators and the Region IV Executive Advisory Committee; she

1 has further given back to her community as a member of the Education
2 Advisory Committee of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership,
3 the City of Friendswood Economic Development Council, the
4 Friendswood Chamber of Commerce, and the Friendswood Rotary Club; a
5 member of Mary Queen Catholic Church, she has also served on its
6 Pastoral Council; and

7 WHEREAS, In all her endeavors, Mrs. Hanks enjoys the love and
8 support of her husband, Bruce Hanks, and their two children and four
9 grandchildren; and

10 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan's dedication, professionalism,
11 and commitment to excellence have greatly benefited the students of
12 Friendswood ISD and earned her the respect and admiration of her
13 colleagues, and she may indeed reflect with pride on a career well
14 spent as she embarks on the next exciting chapter of her life; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
17 Legislature hereby congratulate Trish Hanks on her retirement from
18 the Friendswood Independent School District and extend to her
19 sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

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