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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Mike Bennett is retiring as headmaster of All
2 Saints Episcopal School in Lubbock in May 2017, drawing to a close
3 an outstanding career as an educator that has spanned more than half
4 a century; and

5 WHEREAS, After receiving a bachelor's degree from McMurry
6 University and a master's degree from Abilene Christian University,
7 Dr. Bennett earned a doctorate in education from Texas Tech; he
8 worked as an English teacher, coach, bus driver, and drama coach for
9 the Wylie Independent School District before joining Lubbock ISD in
10 1970; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Bennett began his notable 35-year tenure as a
12 counselor at Mackenzie Junior High, where he later became assistant
13 principal and then principal; he served the district as director of
14 School Public Relations from 1979 to 1986, and from 1989 to 2005, he
15 held the office of principal of Monterey High School; in addition,
16 he has taught undergraduate and graduate courses at Texas Tech,
17 Wayland Baptist University, and McMurry University; and

18 WHEREAS, Headmaster of All Saints since 2005, this esteemed
19 Texan has overseen the school during a period of rapid growth, with
20 the student population increasing from 296 to 488 students and the
21 staff nearly doubling; he has played a vital role in the addition of
22 a high school and the creation of a \$4.3 million endowment fund and
23 two successful capital campaigns that have resulted in additional
24 classrooms, offices, science labs, a fine arts center, and a high

1 school gym; and

2 WHEREAS, Under Dr. Bennett's leadership, the school's
3 programs have earned myriad accolades in academics and fine arts,
4 and its sports teams have won championships at the district,
5 regional, and state levels; moreover, the high school was
6 recognized as the top 1A school in the state by the Texas
7 Association of Private and Parochial Schools in 2016; in honor of
8 his exemplary service, the new high school building has been
9 renamed the Bennett Academic Center; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Mike Bennett's dedication, professionalism, and
11 commitment to excellence have benefited generations of students in
12 the South Plains region of Texas, and he may indeed reflect with
13 pride on a career well spent as he embarks on the next exciting
14 chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
16 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Mike Bennett on his retirement
17 as headmaster of All Saints Episcopal School and extend to him
18 sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

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