SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 741

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Mary Ann Whiteker, who is retiring as superintendent of schools for the Hudson Independent School District after a distinguished 44-year career in the field of education; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Whiteker has served as superintendent of schools for 22 years; she began her career in education in 1973 as a teacher in the Corrigan-Camden Independent School District; she joined the Hudson Independent School District in 1986 as the district curriculum director, and she became superintendent of schools in 1995; and

WHEREAS, A highly skilled educational administrator, Mary Ann Whiteker has guided the district through an era of measurable success and has expanded academic opportunities for students; the district and campuses have received numerous state recognized distinctions for excellence during her tenure, and under her leadership, the district opened a county-wide high school for students at-risk of dropping out that has, to date, graduated more than 1,500 students; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Whiteker has served in leadership positions for the Texas Association of School Administrators, and she is a past president of the Texas Association of Mid-Size Schools; a recipient of numerous commendations, she is an accomplished speaker and author, and the students, faculty, and staff of the Hudson Independent School District have greatly benefited from her diligence and expertise; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend Mary Ann Whiteker on her outstanding career in education and her exemplary work on behalf of Texas children and extend to her best wishes in all her endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Nichols

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 8, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate