

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 921

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Fred Davis III, who is retiring as principal of David W. Carter High School in Dallas after a distinguished 43-year career in education; and

WHEREAS, A second-generation educator, Fred Davis began his career in Fort Smith, Arkansas, where he taught physical education and served as a coach on a state championship football team; he joined the Dallas Independent School District in 1984 as a teacher, coach, and athletic director at A. Maceo Smith High School, where he served for 15 years; and

WHEREAS, He moved into school administration in 1999 when he joined Samuell High School and served as assistant principal; he went on to serve as principal at John B. Hood Middle School before becoming principal at David W. Carter High School in 2011; under his leadership, the school dramatically improved its academic rating, and he introduced the "No Bell" system, which has since been adopted by numerous other schools in the district; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of his career, he has been noted for his teambuilding, research, and leadership development skills; he has played a vital role in helping countless students prepare to face the challenges of an ever-changing global society; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary educator and administrator, he is respected and admired by his colleagues and students alike, and his presence at David W. Carter High School will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend Fred Davis III on his commitment to excellence in education and extend to him best wishes for continued success in all his endeavors; and, be it further

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

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 27, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate