

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 941

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Martin Peña, who is retiring after a long and distinguished career in education; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Peña began his career in 1960 as a teacher with the Edcouch-Elsa Independent School District; he went on to hold numerous administrative posts, including principal, director of federal programs, and assistant superintendent; he served as superintendent of the Port Isabel Independent School District in two separate terms for a total of 17 years and of the Los Fresnos Independent School District for six years; and

**WHEREAS**, He holds a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from Texas A&I University, and he completed the educational requirements for certification as a superintendent at Pan American University; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Peña played an important role in the creation of the South Texas Association of Schools and served as its executive director for 18 years; he has worked with other superintendents and legislators over the course of nine sessions of the Texas Legislature to advocate for children and to promote good policy for public education; and

**WHEREAS**, An exemplary administrator, he is respected and admired by colleagues throughout the region, and it is truly fitting that he receive special recognition for his many contributions to education in our state; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend Martin Peña on his commitment to excellence in education and extend to him best wishes for continued success in all of 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.

Hinojosa, Lucio, Zaffirini

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 28, 2017.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate

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