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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, John G. Rouse is retiring as superintendent of the Rains County Independent School District in June 2019, concluding 37 years of outstanding service in public education; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rouse began his career as a coach and social studies teacher with Garland ISD, and he went on to hold positions with the Richardson and Carrollton-Farmers Branch school districts; in 1991, he joined Crandall ISD, where, over the course of a 14-year tenure, he served as a varsity football, track, and baseball coach, social studies teacher, assistant high school principal, and intermediate campus principal; he briefly returned to work with the Carrollton-Farmers Branch school district before transferring to Kaufman ISD to serve as a high school principal and assistant superintendent and then to Jarrell ISD to serve as superintendent; and

WHEREAS, Since joining the Rains County school district in 2012, Mr. Rouse has worked tirelessly to foster a supportive and challenging educational environment for area students, and he has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues along the way; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his duties as an administrator, Mr. Rouse has contributed to his professional community as a member of the Texas Association of Rural Schools Board of Directors, the UIL Executive Committee and Legislative Council, the membership committee of the American Football Coaches Association, and the Region 7 Education Service Center Executive Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rouse holds a bachelor's degree from East Texas State University-Commerce and a master's degree in education from Texas A&M University-Commerce; in all his endeavors, he has enjoyed the love and support of his wife, Janice, and his children, John and Jill; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of nearly four decades, John Rouse has helped countless young Texans acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed, and he may indeed reflect with pride on a career well spent as he embarks on the next exciting chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate John G. Rouse on his retirement as superintendent of the Rains County Independent School District and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Mr. Rouse as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.