

By: Bell of Kaufman

H.R. No. 811

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Russell D. Marshall is retiring in 2019 as
2 superintendent of the Mabank Independent School District, drawing
3 to a close an exemplary tenure that has spanned 16 years; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Marshall began his 38-year career in education
5 as a teacher and bus driver in Gary ISD; he went on to work for
6 Ferris ISD before becoming a secondary principal in Tenaha ISD,
7 where he was named superintendent in 1988, making him the youngest
8 person to hold that position in Texas at the time; in the subsequent
9 years, he served as assistant superintendent of Henderson ISD, as
10 well as an associate professor at both Stephen F. Austin State
11 University and The University of Texas at Tyler; in June 2003, he
12 was hired as superintendent of Mabank ISD, and during his time at
13 the district's helm, he has played an instrumental role in
14 fostering a supportive and challenging educational environment for
15 MISD students; and

16 WHEREAS, A leader in his profession, Dr. Marshall has served
17 the University Interscholastic League in numerous capacities,
18 including as a member of its Waiver Review Board and as chair of the
19 Legislative Council and the Music Committee; moreover, he has
20 helped train many Texas administrators through principal and
21 superintendent courses; in honor of his achievements, he was twice
22 named Region 10 Superintendent of the Year; this esteemed Texan has
23 further benefited his community as a deacon at First Baptist Church
24 Mabank; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Marshall is a graduate of Timpson High School,
2 and he holds an associate degree from Panola College, a bachelor's
3 degree in business administration and a master's degree in
4 education from Stephen F. Austin State University, and a doctorate
5 in educational leadership from Baylor University; and

6 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Dr. Marshall enjoys the love
7 and support of his wife, Tammye; he is the proud father of four
8 children, Jordan, Griffin, Landon, and Alden, and he has had the
9 pleasure of watching his family grow to include a granddaughter,
10 Emma; and

11 WHEREAS, Through his dedication, professionalism, and
12 commitment to excellence, Dr. Russell Marshall has helped many
13 young Texans acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed,
14 and his contributions will be remembered and appreciated for years
15 to come; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
17 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Russell D. Marshall on his
18 retirement as superintendent of the Mabank Independent School
19 District and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and,
20 be it further

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