

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Fernando A. Benavides of Sam Houston High School has
2 been named the recipient of the 2019 Arlington Independent School
3 District Secondary Principal of the Year Award; and

4 WHEREAS, A graduate of The University of Texas-Pan American,
5 Mr. Benavides went on to earn his master's degree in education from
6 the University of North Texas; he began his career in education in
7 the Mercedes and Mansfield Independent School Districts, teaching
8 Texas history, world geography, government, and macroeconomics, as
9 well as teen leadership and community service; he was appointed to
10 the AP government test development committee for the College Board
11 and served for two years as a consultant; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Benavides embarked on an administrative path as
13 an assistant principal in Venus ISD before joining Arlington ISD as
14 assistant principal at Sam Houston High; after serving as principal
15 of Boles Junior High for four years, he returned to Sam Houston;
16 over the course of his exemplary tenure, the school has increased
17 its enrollment while improving college readiness and graduation
18 rates; Mr. Benavides has brought to his leadership roles valuable
19 life experience gained while serving his country in the U.S. Marine
20 Corps; during Operation Desert Storm, he was a member of the 7th
21 Marines and received the Kuwait Liberation Medal, and his other
22 decorations include the National Defense Service Medal and the Navy
23 and Marine Corps Achievement Medal; and

24 WHEREAS, This summer, Mr. Benavides will take on a new

1 challenge as secondary human resource services director for
2 Mansfield ISD; in all his endeavors, he enjoys the love and support
3 of his wife, Tiffany Benavides, and their children, Matthew, Jacob,
4 Gabrielle, Isabella, and Samuel; and

5 WHEREAS, Through his skill, dedication, and professionalism,
6 Fernando Benavides has helped provide a strong academic foundation
7 for students of Sam Houston High, and his contributions have earned
8 the respect and admiration of his fellow educators; now, therefore,
9 be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Fernando A. Benavides on his
12 receipt of the 2019 Arlington Independent School District Secondary
13 Principal of the Year Award and extend to him sincere best wishes
14 for continued success; and, be it further

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

Turner of Tarrant

H.R. No. 1852

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1852 was adopted by the House on May 24, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House