

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 342**

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Ray Deason retired as assistant superintendent of the Ore City Independent School District in September 2017, drawing to a close an exemplary career in education that spanned half a century; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2006, Dr. Ray Deason joined Ore City Independent School District as assistant superintendent, and during his outstanding tenure with the district, he distinguished himself through his well-rounded leadership and expertise and earned the lasting respect and admiration of his colleagues; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Deason began his career as a speech pathologist for Henderson Independent School District, working across all of its campuses; he devoted a total of 33 years to that district, briefly teaching at the junior high level before accepting a position teaching fifth grade at Montgomery Elementary; at the age of 27, he became a principal at Central Elementary, and he later assumed the role of principal of Northside Intermediate School, where he remained for more than two decades; and

**WHEREAS,** In the course of five decades in education, Dr. Deason also held employment with Belton Independent School District and The University of Texas; over the years, he garnered numerous honors for his efforts, including being named an H-E-B Excellence in Education semifinalist, Region 7 Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association Elementary Principal of the Year, and Principal of the Year by the Region 7 Texas

Association of Secondary School Principals; furthermore, he was a statewide appointee to a committee for the Principals' Incentive Program under Governor George W. Bush; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Deason holds a bachelor's degree in speech pathology and educational psychology, a master's degree in education and special education, and a doctorate in educational leadership and general administration from Stephen F. Austin State University; and

**WHEREAS**, Through his dedication, professionalism, and commitment to excellence, Dr. Ray Deason helped foster a supportive and challenging educational environment for countless students in the Lone Star State, and his contributions will continue to resonate for years to come; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 86th Legislature, hereby congratulate Dr. Ray Deason on his retirement as assistant superintendent of the Ore City 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 Dr. Deason as an expression of high regard by the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the  
above Resolution was adopted by  
the Senate on March 7, 2019.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate