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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Vincent Sheffield has been named interim superintendent of the El Paso Independent School District; and

WHEREAS, Appointed on November 5, 2020, Vince Sheffield is the first Black superintendent of El Paso ISD; he joined the district in 1993 as a fifth-grade teacher at Alamo Elementary School, and he went on to work as the assistant principal at Newman Elementary School and as principal of Hillside Elementary; he was subsequently employed by the district's central office, where he held numerous positions in human resources; in 2016, he was named deputy superintendent of administration and academics, and he continues to serve in that position in addition to his role as interim superintendent; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of more than two and a half decades with El Paso ISD, Mr. Sheffield has worked tirelessly to foster a positive learning environment and provide valuable educational opportunities to area students; although the COVID-19 pandemic has placed immense burdens on schools throughout the district, he has risen to this unprecedented challenge, and his able leadership has been instrumental in the ongoing transition back to in-person instruction; and

WHEREAS, A veteran of the U.S. Army, Mr. Sheffield came to El Paso three decades ago when he was stationed at Fort Bliss; he holds a bachelor's degree in education from George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia, and a master's degree in educational administration from The University of Texas at El Paso; and

WHEREAS, Vince Sheffield has demonstrated a profound commitment to the students of El Paso ISD, and his dedication, professionalism, and commitment to excellence will continue to serve him well as he takes on the challenges and opportunities of his new position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Vincent Sheffield on his appointment as interim superintendent of the El Paso Independent School District and extend to him sincere best wishes for a successful tenure; and, be it further

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