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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Dr. Ángel Rivera has been named the new deputy superintendent of the Mesquite Independent School District; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rivera earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Houston at Clear Lake, his master's degree from the University of St. Thomas, and his doctorate from Stephen F. Austin State University; before embarking on his career in education, he served in the United States Army as an airborne ranger and as a member of the United Nations Security Battalion for a total of seven years of active duty, rising to the rank of staff sergeant; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of two decades as an educator, Dr. Rivera has been employed at the elementary, middle, high school, and administrative levels in Mesquite, as well as in Pasadena, Nacogdoches, Mansfield, and Garland; in his most recent role as assistant superintendent for innovation and leadership for Mesquite ISD, he was responsible for supervising the district's leadership development, library services, instructional technology, and community education departments, as well as its ReadPlayTalk initiative; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rivera has been actively involved in the Mesquite community, where he serves as president of the Mesquite Rotary Club, as co-chair of the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce, and as a member of AMBUCS; in all his endeavors, he enjoys the love and support of his wife, Vanessa, who works as a speech pathologist at Mesquite ISD, as well as their five children and their grandchild; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ángel Rivera's dedication and expertise have greatly benefited many young Texans over the years, and the experience he has acquired along the way will serve him well as he takes on this challenging new role; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Ángel Rivera on his appointment as deputy superintendent of the Mesquite Independent School District and extend to him sincere best wishes for a successful and rewarding tenure; and, be it further

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