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H.R. No. 79

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Roberto J. Santos is retiring as superintendent of  
2 the United Independent School District on June 30, 2021, concluding  
3 a distinguished tenure that has spanned 16 years at the helm of the  
4 district; and

5           WHEREAS, Mr. Santos joined United ISD 38 years ago, and  
6 before he was appointed superintendent in 2005, he held numerous  
7 positions within the district, such as director for human  
8 resources, assistant superintendent for support services, and  
9 associate superintendent for student support services; United ISD  
10 added many educational programs and resources over the course of  
11 his tenure, including magnet schools, Early College programs, and a  
12 facility serving special needs students; under his leadership, the  
13 district also received an "A" rating from the Texas Education  
14 Agency for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years; and

15           WHEREAS, In recognition of his many contributions,  
16 Mr. Santos received the Laredo Next Generation Rotary Club Unsung  
17 Heroes Award, the Laredo Diploma Plus Foundation Leadership Award,  
18 and a Future of Texas Award; he was inducted into the Latin American  
19 International Hall of Fame, and he has served in honorary positions  
20 for the Border Olympics, the American Cancer Society Relay for  
21 Life, and the March of Dimes; and

22           WHEREAS, A native of Laredo, Mr. Santos graduated from Martin  
23 High School before attending St. Edwards University on an athletic  
24 scholarship; he later received a master's degree in education from

1 The University of Texas-Pan American, and he holds educational  
2 administration and superintendent certificates from Texas A&M  
3 University-Kingsville; in all his endeavors, he has enjoyed the  
4 love and support of his wife of over five decades, Carmen, and he  
5 takes great pride in his two daughters and four grandchildren; and

6 WHEREAS, The United Independent School District has  
7 benefited immeasurably from Roberto Santos's visionary leadership  
8 and his unwavering commitment to the district's students and staff,  
9 and he may indeed reflect with pride on his exceptional record of  
10 achievement; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Roberto J. Santos on his retirement  
13 as superintendent of the United Independent School District and  
14 extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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