

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Rodney E. Watson of the Spring Independent  
2 School District has been named the 2021 Superintendent of the Year  
3 by the National School Foundation Association; and

4           WHEREAS, NSFA annually recognizes administrators who  
5 demonstrate outstanding leadership and collaborate with their  
6 district's education foundation to ensure that all students have  
7 the opportunity for success; Dr. Watson was nominated for the  
8 national accolade by the Spring ISD Education Foundation; and

9           WHEREAS, This esteemed educator began his tenure with Spring  
10 ISD in July 2014, and he oversees more than 33,000 students on 40  
11 campuses; through the years, he has launched numerous initiatives,  
12 including the expansion of full-day prekindergarten on every  
13 elementary campus, enhanced early childhood and dual language  
14 programs, and several middle school and high school specialty  
15 programs; in addition, he was instrumental in the passage of a \$330  
16 million bond for various improvements to the district, and in 2020,  
17 he established an Innovation and Equity team to help close  
18 achievement gaps and better meet the needs of area students; and

19           WHEREAS, Dr. Watson has supported the Spring ISD Education  
20 Foundation through his involvement with its charity golf  
21 tournament, educational grant program, and disaster relief efforts  
22 during Hurricane Harvey in 2017; moreover, he has given generously  
23 of his time and talents to numerous professional and civic  
24 organizations, and he has served as an adjunct professor of

1 education at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and at The  
2 University of Texas at Austin; he holds a bachelor's degree in  
3 psychology and music education, a master's degree in counseling  
4 psychology and special education, and a doctoral degree from UMKC  
5 in urban leadership and policy analysis and curriculum and  
6 instruction; and

7         WHEREAS, Through his unwavering dedication to area students  
8 and staff, Dr. Rodney Watson has led the way in fostering a  
9 supportive and challenging educational environment, and he has made  
10 valuable contributions to advancing public education in the Lone  
11 Star State; now, therefore, be it

12         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Rodney E. Watson on his  
14 selection as 2021 Superintendent of the Year by the National School  
15 Foundation Association and extend to him sincere best wishes for  
16 continued success; and, be it further

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

J. Johnson of Harris

H.R. No. 300

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 300 was adopted by the House on March 18, 2021, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House