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H.R. No. 300

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.