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H.R. No. 368

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. J. A. Gonzalez has been named 2020 Texas
2 Superintendent of the Year by the Texas Association of School
3 Boards; and

4 WHEREAS, Superintendent of the McAllen Independent School
5 District since 2016, Dr. Gonzalez is widely admired for his
6 commitment to inclusivity and student enrichment; he guides close
7 monitoring of student progress in the district, which earned an "A"
8 rating from the Texas Education Agency in both 2018 and 2019;
9 McAllen ISD has garnered the state's Postsecondary Readiness
10 Distinction for three consecutive years, and it has received
11 perfect marks from the School Financial Integrity Rating System of
12 Texas for nine years in a row; in 2020, all five of the district's
13 high schools were ranked among America's best by *U.S. News & World*
14 *Report*; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Gonzalez has launched many initiatives,
16 including a STEAM-Plus teaching and learning framework, the Tech
17 Wars robotics competition, the STRIDES Program for special needs
18 graduates, and elementary UIL, chess, and robotics activities;
19 meeting the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic with skill and
20 compassion, he has kept students and faculty safe without missing a
21 single day of instruction; moreover, the district has continued to
22 provide meals for the community; and

23 WHEREAS, A dynamic educator with 25 years of experience,
24 Dr. Gonzalez holds a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M

1 University-Kingsville and both a master's and a doctoral degree
2 from The University of Texas-Pan American; he began his career with
3 the district as a teacher and went on to serve as an assistant
4 principal, principal, and associate superintendent for
5 instructional leadership; along the way, he has served as a
6 practicing lecturer in the Educational Leadership Department of
7 UT-Rio Grande Valley; and

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

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
14 Legislature hereby congratulate J. A. Gonzalez on his selection as
15 2020 Texas Superintendent of the Year by the Texas Association of
16 School Boards and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
17 success; and, be it further

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