

By: Allen

H.R. No. 698

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Grenita Lathan is stepping down as interim  
2 superintendent of the Houston Independent School District, and the  
3 conclusion of her tenure provides a fitting opportunity to  
4 recognize her outstanding contributions; and

5           WHEREAS, Dr. Lathan first joined Houston ISD in 2015, serving  
6 as chief school officer over elementary transformation schools and  
7 chief academic officer before becoming the interim superintendent  
8 in March 2018; she has guided the district through the  
9 unprecedented challenges presented by Hurricane Harvey and the  
10 COVID-19 pandemic, and under her leadership, HISD has seen improved  
11 academic performance, with several campuses meeting state  
12 standards for the first time in multiple years; and

13           WHEREAS, A graduate of North Carolina A&T State University  
14 and the University of North Carolina, Dr. Lathan holds a bachelor's  
15 degree and a master's degree in business education, and she earned a  
16 doctorate from Southern Illinois University; she began her career  
17 as an educator in 1991 in North Carolina, where she was a teacher,  
18 an assistant principal, and a principal; she has also served as  
19 chief improvement officer and interim deputy superintendent of the  
20 San Diego Unified School District and as superintendent of Peoria  
21 Public Schools; her many awards and accolades include the 2019  
22 Education Advocate of the Year Award from the NAACP, the HERO Award  
23 from the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and the Outstanding Texan  
24 Award from the Texas Legislative Black Caucus; and

1           WHEREAS, During her three years as interim superintendent,  
2 Dr. Lathan has helped to foster a supportive and challenging  
3 learning environment for the students of Houston ISD, and she may  
4 take justifiable pride in her many accomplishments; now, therefore,  
5 be it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby commend Dr. Grenita Lathan on her service as  
8 interim superintendent of the Houston Independent School District  
9 and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it  
10 further

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