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H.R. No. 718

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Art Cavazos is retiring as superintendent of the
2 Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District on June 30,
3 2021, drawing to a close an exceptional career in education that has
4 spanned well over three decades; and

5 WHEREAS, Taking on the role of superintendent of Harlingen
6 CISD in 2013, Dr. Cavazos brought a wealth of knowledge to his new
7 position, having joined the district in 2001 as assistant
8 superintendent for secondary education and then earning promotion
9 to interim superintendent and deputy superintendent for
10 transformation and school support; among his many achievements, he
11 has overseen the adoption of the Strategic Plan, which develops
12 communication, collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking
13 skills while emphasizing early childhood literacy; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Cavazos also directed the implementation of a
15 robotics initiative and a career and technical education redesign
16 that have created authentic learning experiences in science,
17 technology, engineering, and math, as well as in health services,
18 media, arts communications, nursing, and teaching; moreover, he has
19 guided the opening of new campuses and dual language academies and
20 the digitalization of classrooms, and his sound fiscal management
21 has enabled the district to address facility needs without
22 incurring debt as a result of the Tax Ratification Election; and

23 WHEREAS, A nationally recognized leader, Dr. Cavazos was
24 selected by the U.S. Department of Education in 2014 to participate

1 in the inaugural National Connected Superintendents Summit at the
2 White House; two years later, he was appointed by Governor Greg
3 Abbott to a six-year term on the State Board for Educator
4 Certification; in addition to receiving the Distinguished School
5 Administrator Award from the American Association of School
6 Librarians and an excellence in leadership award from Teach For
7 America, he has been named a Texas PTA Superintendent of the Year
8 and a National Speech and Debate Association Gulf Coast
9 Communicator of the Year; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Cavazos began his career with Edinburg
11 Consolidated ISD in 1987; he next worked for McAllen ISD as a math
12 teacher, counselor, and principal, and he went on to serve as
13 director of secondary education for Mission CISD; he holds a master
14 of education degree from The University of Texas-Pan American and a
15 doctorate in education from The University of Texas at Austin; and

16 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan's vision, dedication, and
17 commitment to excellence have greatly benefited the students of
18 Harlingen CISD, and he may indeed reflect with pride on a career
19 well spent; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
21 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Art Cavazos on his retirement
22 as superintendent of the Harlingen Consolidated Independent School
23 District and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and,
24 be it further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
26 prepared for Dr. Cavazos as an expression of high regard by the
27 Texas House of Representatives.