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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, James B. Crow is retiring as executive director of

2 the Texas Association of School Boards on August 31, 2021, drawing

to a close an exceptional career with the organization that has

4 spanned four decades; and

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5 WHEREAS, After first joining the TASB in 1981 as the manager

of education services, Mr. Crow went on to serve in a number of

7 important roles, including director of governmental relations and

8 associate executive director of governmental/external relations;

9 in 1995, he took the helm as executive director; and

10 WHEREAS, Under his guidance, TASB has excelled in its mission

of promoting educational excellence for Texas students by providing

12 essential support to the state's school districts; Mr. Crow has

13 been integral to the association's development, and today TASB

works in behalf of more than 7,000 locally elected school board

15 members; recognized as an education policy expert, he has also

16 provided beneficial guidance to state legislators and other policy

17 makers regarding oversight of the Texas public schools; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Crow is a graduate of Rockdale High School and

19 earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from The University of

20 Texas at Austin; his extensive experience in education includes

21 service as a teacher with the Austin Independent School District,

22 and he later worked in communications roles for the district;

23 immediately before joining TASB, he was a staff member with the

24 Senate Education Committee during the 67th Texas Legislature; and

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1 WHEREAS, Over the course of a long and accomplished career, James Crow has dedicated himself to furthering public education 2 throughout the Texas, and the untiring support he has offered to 3 school board members has had an enduring and positive influence on several generations of Texas students; now, therefore, be it 5 6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate James B. Crow on his retirement as 7 executive director of the Texas Association of School Boards and 8 extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further 9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 10 prepared for Mr. Crow as an expression of high regard by the Texas 11 House of Representatives. 12

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 883 was adopted by the House on May 8, 2021, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House