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H.R. No. 59

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Marie Gonzales is retiring as the executive director
2 of special education at the Round Rock Independent School District
3 on December 14, 2023, drawing to a close an exemplary career in
4 education that has spanned 28 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Gonzales began her career as a deaf education
6 teacher at Deerpark Middle School in August 1995, and she went on to
7 join the faculty at McNeil High School in 2001; the following year,
8 she became an admission, review, and dismissal facilitator, and in
9 2008, she accepted the position of special education department
10 chair; she later served as assistant principal and associate
11 principal at McNeil High before taking on her current role as the
12 district's executive director of special education; and

13 WHEREAS, Along the way, Ms. Gonzales has been involved in
14 numerous committees and initiatives, including the Secondary
15 Teaching & Learning Advisory Board, the launch of a dual credit
16 program for deaf students, and the Texas Deafblind Project; she has
17 also been active in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
18 Kappa Lambda Chapter, which she served as president from 2012 to
19 2014; among her many achievements, she received a World Class ARD
20 Facilitator Award in 2005 and a Certificate of Appreciation for
21 Valuable Contributions During State Assessment in 2008; and

22 WHEREAS, Ms. Gonzales holds bachelor's and master's degrees
23 in communications, sciences, and disorders with an emphasis on deaf
24 education from The University of Texas at Austin; in addition, she

1 completed the principal certification graduate program in
2 educational leadership at Texas State University in 2011; and

3 WHEREAS, Through her dedication, professionalism, and
4 commitment to excellence, Marie Gonzales has helped many young
5 Texans acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed, and
6 her contributions will be remembered and appreciated for years to
7 come; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
9 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Marie
10 Gonzales on her retirement as the executive director of special
11 education at Round Rock ISD and extend to her sincere best wishes
12 for the future; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Ms. Gonzales as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives.