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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Gerardo Soto of the Harlandale Independent School 2 District has been named the 2025 Education Service Center Region 20 3 Superintendent of the Year by the Texas Association of School 4 Boards; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Soto is representing ESC Region 20 in the TASB State Superintendent of the Year award program that recognizes 6 7 individuals for achievement and excellence in public school 8 administration; honorees demonstrate strong leadership and a commitment to student success as well as to the improvement of 9 10 educational quality and community engagement within their 11 districts; and

12 WHEREAS, When Mr. Soto began serving as Harlandale's superintendent in 2019, he brought more than 31 years of experience 13 14 to the office, having worked as a paraprofessional aide, teacher, principal, and executive director of operations at Harlandale ISD; 15 16 his accomplishments as superintendent include overseeing the repurposing of campuses to better meet student and staff needs and 17 launching the Educational Partners Program and the Harlandale 18 Makerspace Center, which offers hands-on learning; during his 19 20 tenure, Harlandale has earned the state's highest financial 21 accountability rating, and in 2022, voters approved the largest bond package in district history for such major projects as the 22 23 Career and Technical Education Center; he serves on the San Antonio Education Partnership and UP Partnership boards; and 24

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1 WHEREAS, Through his unwavering dedication to Harlandale 2 ISD, Gerardo Soto has led the way in fostering a supportive and 3 challenging educational environment, and he is truly deserving of 4 this prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas 6 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Gerardo Soto 7 on his selection as the 2025 ESC Region 20 Superintendent of the 8 Year and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success 9 with his important work; and, be it further

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

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