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H.R. No. 1032

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Shane Downing is retiring as superintendent of the
2 Holland Independent School District in 2025, drawing to a close an
3 exemplary tenure with the district that has spanned more than two
4 and a half decades; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1999, Mr. Downing began his career with Holland
6 ISD as a teacher and coach at Holland High School; in 2004, he was
7 named principal of Holland Elementary School, and he served in that
8 role for 15 years; he was unanimously elected district
9 superintendent in January 2019; and

10 WHEREAS, Over the course of his tenure, Mr. Downing has
11 prioritized student needs and created a positive work environment
12 for faculty and staff; an excellent leader, listener, and
13 communicator, he has earned the admiration and appreciation of his
14 colleagues for his outstanding problem-solving and management
15 skills; moreover, he has overseen significant growth and change in
16 the district, and he has strengthened educational processes and
17 school operations; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Downing holds a bachelor's degree from Stephen
19 F. Austin State University and a master's degree in educational
20 administration from Tarleton State University; he began his career
21 in 1992 as a math teacher and coach in the Bruceville-Eddy school
22 district before joining Holland ISD; and

23 WHEREAS, Retirement will afford Mr. Downing more time to
24 spend with his family, which includes his wife of more than 30

1 years, Kandi, their children, Ashtyn and Drew, and their
2 grandchildren, Palmer and Peightyn; and

3 WHEREAS, Through his dedication and commitment to
4 excellence, Shane Downing has helped countless young Texans acquire
5 the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed, and his
6 contributions will be remembered and appreciated for years to come;
7 now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Shane Downing on his retirement as
10 superintendent of the Holland Independent School District and
11 extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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