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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 81

BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Dr. T. Lamar Goree on ten years of service to Caddo Schools as its superintendent

A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Dr. T. Lamar Goree for more than ten years of service as the superintendent 3 of Caddo Parish public schools. 4 WHEREAS, Dr. Goree is a native of Caddo Parish and graduate of Huntington High 5 School; he is a highly educated individual with multiple degrees; he received a bachelor's 6 in management from Morehouse College; he attended the University of Texas at Arlington, 7 where he earned a master's degree in educational leadership and a doctorate in educational 8 leadership and policy studies; and 9 WHEREAS, Dr. Goree began his professional career as a math teacher in Marietta, 10 Georgia, following in the footsteps of his parents who worked as educators in Caddo Parish 11 Public Schools; he moved to Fort Worth, Texas, to continue teaching math, and in 2000, he 12 was selected to serve in his first administrative role as the assistant principal at Leonard 13 Middle School; and 14 WHEREAS, after three years as assistant principal, Dr. Goree took over as Leonard 15 Middle School's principal; he then accepted the principal role at Danny Jones Middle School 16 in the Mansfield Independent School District (ISD) and later transferred within the school 17 district and served as principal of Summit High School; in 2010, he was named the assistant 18 superintendent for student support services in Mansfield, overseeing the effective and 19 efficient operation of programs including fine arts, special education, career and technical 20 education, and English language learners; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Goree returned home to Caddo Parish in December 2013 to lead 2 Caddo Parish Public Schools; under his leadership, the district reached an all-time high 3 graduation rate, produced dozens of National Merit Scholars, and saw multiple perfect ACT 4 scores; he oversaw the implementation of top-rated curricula for all students across subject 5 areas along with prescriptive and targeted professional development for teachers and support 6 staff that directly aligns with students needs; and 7 WHEREAS, Dr. Goree also worked beyond academics to bring fiscal responsibility and transparency to the district; he secured the district's highest single-year increase in 8 9 surplus funds in decades, and he was able to secure multiple employee pay raises without 10 new funding while leveraging competitive dollars to establish incentive-based pay structures designed to recognize and reward educators across the district's schools; and 12 WHEREAS, Dr. T. Lamar Goree leaves as Caddo Parish Public Schools' longestserving superintendent in more than three decades; he brought innovation and stabilization 14 to the district, and he is most deserving of the highest recognition for his incredible service. 15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 16 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Dr. T. Lamar Goree for more than ten years 17 of service as the superintendent of Caddo Parish public schools and does hereby extend 18 sincerest wishes that he continue to prosper as he takes the helm of the Duncanville 19 Independent School District in Texas.

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