

Senate Resolution 322

By: Senators Douglas of the 17th and Miles of the 43rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the service of Superintendent Ruel M. Parker on the occasion
2 of his retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Superintendent Ruel M. Parker began his career as an educator in 1971 when
4 he joined the faculty at Rockdale County High School as a chemistry and physics teacher;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, each year of his 34 year career was spent in service to the students and faculty
7 of Rockdale County schools, and his six years as superintendent were marked by excellence
8 in student achievement; and

9 WHEREAS, during his tenure, every school in the system was identified as making adequate
10 yearly progress, more efficient means of delivering services were developed, and several
11 facilities were created or improved to better meet the needs of a diverse student population;
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13 WHEREAS, innovative initiatives such as the balanced calendar, the concept of a career high
14 school, the creation of the Rockdale Magnet School for Science and Technology, and the
15 inclusion model, which has improved the quality of the educational experience for so many
16 students with disabilities, were implemented under his wise and steady leadership; and

17 WHEREAS, thanks to his foresight and advocacy, Superintendent Parker was able to secure
18 the passage of two SPLOST issues for education by local voters, enabling the school system
19 to pay off all debt and pay cash for all new construction projects, leaving no long-term debt
20 after January 1, 2006, and saving over \$1 million in interest payments; and

21 WHEREAS, the achievements of his career have left a lasting impression on the school
22 system and will continue to benefit generations of Rockdale County's students and teachers.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 join to recognize the outstanding career of Superintendent Ruel M. Parker, commend his
3 many valuable contributions to public education, and extend their sincere best wishes for a
4 happy and healthy retirement.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
6 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Superintendent Ruel M. Parker.