

By Senator Gaetz

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing John B. Rogers, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement as Superintendent of the Santa Rosa County School District.

WHEREAS, John B. Rogers, Jr. will retire this year as Superintendent of the Santa Rosa County School District after a distinguished and progressive career spanning 33 years as a teacher, coach, principal, district administrator, and school superintendent, and

WHEREAS, during his 8-year tenure as superintendent from 2000 to 2008, Santa Rosa schools continued a decades-long tradition of excellence and achieved historic and unsurpassed academic accomplishments, and

WHEREAS, during Superintendent Rogers' terms in office, Santa Rosa students became the highest performing readers in Florida history, breaking every record for progress and proficiency, and

WHEREAS, under Mr. Rogers' leadership, the Santa Rosa County School District has been an "A" district every year and has consistently ranked among the top four districts in the state, with 85 percent of Santa Rosa's graded schools earning an "A" and the remaining 15 percent scoring a "B" or a "C" in 2007, the best overall quality ratings in the school district's history, and

WHEREAS, while Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Rogers has developed innovative and progressive academic programs including an on-line high school, virtual learning academies for on-line professional development, and high school academies for carpentry, automotives, and information technology, and

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30 WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers' financial stewardship of the public's
31 resources has been exemplary as well, earning the confidence and
32 support of the public for continuing by referendum a half-cent
33 sales tax for schools, building three new schools and more than
34 100 new classrooms and ancillary facilities, and dramatically
35 reducing dependence on portable buildings, and

36 WHEREAS, Superintendent Rogers' superlative management
37 resulted in the Harvard University School of Education's
38 designation of the Santa Rosa schools as an exemplary national
39 case study in learning successes and administrative leadership,
40 NOW, THEREFORE,

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42 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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44 That the Senate extends heartfelt appreciation to John B.
45 Rogers, Jr., for a lifetime of service to the people of Santa
46 Rosa County and to their children and commends him for his
47 professional achievements in public education.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
49 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to John B. Rogers,
50 Jr., as a tangible token of the esteem of the Florida Senate.