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FRIENDS OF TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS HONORS FORMER COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION DR. MIKE MOSES AS 2015 FRIEND OF THE YEAR

Austin, TX—Friends of Texas Public Schools (FOTPS) is pleased to announce that Former Commissioner of Education, Dr. Mike Moses has accepted the nomination for the 2015 Friend of the Year Award. FOTPS officials will present him with the award at the 11th Annual Friends of the Year Gala at the Baylor Club at the newly constructed McLane Stadium at Baylor University in Waco, Texas on Wednesday, December 2.

The Friend of the Year Award was established by FOTPS to honor those rare individuals who clearly see beyond the sensational headlines and often negative politics and who understand that the success of Texas public education is everyone's business. This honor is reserved for members of the private sector who step up as champions for those who learn and work in Texas public schools. Scott Milder, Co-Founder of FOTPS, said that Dr. Moses is a deserving nominee.



“Mike is one of the rare individuals who has the ear of all involved in the many efforts to strengthen Texas Public Schools. School leaders across Texas, including sitting superintendents and aspiring superintendents, routinely seek his counsel, which he freely gives in generous amounts. Texas can brag about having strong school leaders in place, in part because Mike has invested decades in helping others advance their careers. He is a shining example of the reason we created the Friend of the Year award, and we are honored to present it to him on December 2.”

Dr. Moses is the Endowed Chair of Educational Leadership at the University of North Texas in Denton. He has served as a Texas educator and leader for more than 30 years. From 1995 to 1999, he was the Commissioner of Education for the state of Texas. He served as Deputy Chancellor for Systems Operations at Texas Tech University System from 1999 to 2001 and as General Superintendent of the Dallas Independent School District from 2001 until 2004. Prior to his position in Dallas, Dr. Moses was the superintendent of schools in other Texas school districts, including Lubbock, LaMarque, and Tatum. Currently he serves as Senior Educational Advisor for Raise Your Hand Texas and the Center for Reform of School Systems. His bachelor's degree and master's degrees are from Stephen F. Austin State University, and his doctoral degree is from Texas A&M University at Commerce. He has been recognized for his accomplishments and contributions by numerous organizations, including the Texas Business and Education Coalition, Texas A&M



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University, the Texas School Public Relations Association, the National and Texas PTA, Two Texas Education Service Center Regions, the American Association of School Administrators, Texas A&M Commerce and Stephen F. Austin State University.

Friends of Texas Public Schools is a nonprofit organization committed to educating Texans about the strengths and achievements of Texas public schools. It was founded by Leslie and Scott Milder in 2004 with the mission of facilitating respectful conversations about Texas public schools through honest communication, productive dialogue, and relentless encouragement.

For additional information about the Friend of the Year Award, Dr. Moses' nomination, or Friends of Texas Public Schools, please contact Executive Director Stacey Osborne at (713) 456-9429 or sosborne@fotps.org.

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