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MEMORANDUM

TO: Carol Nelson

FROM: Jennifer Valdez

DATE: March 10, 2021

SUBJECT: Graduation for AHS Student from the Class of 1946

Mr. Pat Moore, AHS Class of 1946, has requested to graduate after having to leave high school prior to his scheduled graduation to serve in the Armed Forces.

This is allowable according to Texas Education Code (TEC), §28.0251:

61.1061. Application Form for Diploma and Evidence of Eligibility.

(a) In accordance with Texas Education Code (TEC), §28.0251, a school district may issue a high school diploma to a person who:

- (1) is an honorably discharged member of the armed forces of the United States;
- (2) was scheduled to graduate from high school:

- (A) after 1940 and before 1975; or
- (B) after 1989; and

- (3) left school after completing Grade 6 or higher, but before graduating from high school, to serve in:

(A) World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, the Iraq War, or the war in Afghanistan; or

(B) any other war formally declared by the United States, military engagement authorized by the United States Congress, military engagement authorized by a United Nations Security Council resolution and funded by the United States Congress, or conflict authorized by the president of the United States under the War Powers Resolution of 1973 (50 United States Code §1541 et seq.).

(b) A school district may issue a diploma to an eligible veteran notwithstanding the fact that the person holds a high school equivalency certificate or is deceased.

(c) The Texas Education Agency will develop and make available an application form to be used by a veteran or a person acting on behalf of a deceased veteran. The application form is provided in this subsection entitled "Application for a High School Diploma for Certain Veterans."

Mr. Moore has completed the required application, as identified in the aforementioned education code, and qualifies for graduation. I am recommending that we proceed with presenting him his diploma.