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## **Texas Senate Passes Landmark Legislation to Boost Benefits for Texas' Retired Teachers**

**Austin, Texas** – Today, the Texas Senate unanimously passed Senate Bill 10, one of the largest benefit enhancements for retired teachers in the history of Texas. This bill, joint-authored by Senator César J. Blanco, would provide retired teachers with a one-time supplemental check and a cost of living adjustment (COLA).

“Despite rising costs of living across the state, retired teacher’s benefits have remained stagnant, leaving them to fend for themselves.” said Senator Blanco. “I’m happy that the Texas Senate has stepped up to the plate to keep its promise to protect our retired teachers.”

Senate Bill 10 will send a \$7,500 supplemental check, known as the “13<sup>th</sup> check,” to teachers 75 and older and create a 2% COLA for all retired teachers who have been retired 2 to 9 years and a 4% COLA for retired teachers who have been retired 10 years or more. These funds will come directly from the State of Texas and will not require teachers or school districts to increase their contributions.

Senator Blanco also added, “After a career of hard work preparing the next generation to be problem solvers, innovators, and job creators, our retired teachers deserve to comfortably live in retirement.”

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*Senator César J. Blanco is a US Navy Veteran and proudly represents the people of Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Pecos, Presidio, and Reeves counties in the Texas Senate. In the 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature, Senator Blanco serves as a member of the Senate Committees on Health & Human Services; Natural Resources & Economic Development; Water, Agriculture, & Rural Affairs; Veteran Affairs; and Border Security. He has been named a Best Legislator by Texas Monthly Magazine.*