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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The retirement of Jo Ann Peschel of Houston from the 2 Klein Independent School District on May 29, 2004, will bring to a 3 close an outstanding 42-year career in Texas public education; and WHEREAS, Born in New Ulm on July 24, 1939, Ms. Peschel 4 5 graduated from Bellville High School in 1957 and earned a degree in 6 health and physical education from the University of Houston in 1962; she received her master's degree 10 years later; and 7 WHEREAS, From 1962 to 1964 she worked for the Hungerford ISD, 8 where her duties included teaching language arts to fifth-grade 9 students and physical education to children in grades five through 10 11 eight; she also coached girls' basketball, volleyball, 12 softball; and 13 WHEREAS, Ms. Peschel joined the staff of Klein High School in 14 1964 and has now rendered four decades of exceptional service as a member of its faculty; over the course of her tenure at Klein she 15 has taught physical education and ninth-grade English, coached 16 girls' basketball, volleyball, and track and field, sponsored the 17 18 varsity cheerleaders, and organized and sponsored the drill team; she currently teaches health and a PAL class and sponsors the Future 19 20 Teachers of America club; and 21 WHEREAS, Her professional affiliations include Delta Kappa 22 Gamma, the Klein Education Association, the Texas State Teachers 23 Association, and the National Education Association; in addition,

she serves as a regional advisor for the Texas Future Teachers of

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- 1 America and as a member of that organization's executive council;
- 2 her accomplishments have earned her a listing in Who's Who of
- 3 American Women; and
- WHEREAS, Ms. Peschel is involved in her community as a member
- of Memorial Drive Lutheran Church and the League of Women Voters;
- 6 with interests ranging from politics to reading, sports, and
- 7 travel, she will have abundant uses for her new-found leisure
- 8 hours; and
- 9 WHEREAS, A highly respected and committed educator, Jo Ann
- 10 Peschel has worked tirelessly to promote her students' well-being,
- 11 to encourage their ambitions, and to teach them important life
- 12 skills, and through her dedication and skillful guidance she has
- 13 enriched the lives of countless youth; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
- 15 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor Jo Ann Peschel for
- 16 her notable career in Texas public education and extend to her
- 17 sincere best wishes as she approaches an exciting new chapter in her
- 18 life; and, be it further
- 19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 20 prepared for Ms. Peschel as an expression of high regard by the
- 21 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 347 was adopted by the House on October 10, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House