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H.R. No. 347

R E S O L U T I O N

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

4 WHEREAS, Born in New Ulm on July 24, 1939, Ms. Peschel  
5 graduated from Bellville High School in 1957 and earned a degree in  
6 health and physical education from the University of Houston in  
7 1962; she received her master's degree 10 years later; and

8 WHEREAS, From 1962 to 1964 she worked for the Hungerford ISD,  
9 where her duties included teaching language arts to fifth-grade  
10 students and physical education to children in grades five through  
11 eight; she also coached girls' basketball, volleyball, and  
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  
15 member of its faculty; over the course of her tenure at Klein she  
16 has taught physical education and ninth-grade English, coached  
17 girls' basketball, volleyball, and track and field, sponsored the  
18 varsity cheerleaders, and organized and sponsored the drill team;  
19 she currently teaches health and a PAL class and sponsors the Future  
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,  
24 she serves as a regional advisor for the Texas Future Teachers of

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

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Peschel is involved in her community as a member  
5 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

14 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.