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H.R. No. 18

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Linda Johnston, who retired in June 2002 as the  
2 founding executive director of Practical Parent Education (PPE) in  
3 Plano, is deserving of special tribute for her many years of  
4 exemplary leadership and community service; and

5           WHEREAS, A former assistant principal, Mrs. Johnston served  
6 as the executive director of PPE from the time of its founding in  
7 1984; the agency, a joint creation of the Plano community and the  
8 Plano Independent School District, seeks to support parents in  
9 raising confident, responsible, and mentally healthy children; it  
10 assists families of all socioeconomic backgrounds and offers all of  
11 its services in both English and Spanish; and

12           WHEREAS, Among the resources developed by PPE under Mrs.  
13 Johnston's guidance are a library, a Parent Helpline, referral  
14 services, support groups, and workshops; two core programs--the PPE  
15 curricula and a series of seminars titled For Kids' Sake--have won  
16 such favorable notice that they have been adopted by numerous other  
17 communities, both within and without the State of Texas; and

18           WHEREAS, A highly regarded expert in the field of parenting  
19 education, Mrs. Johnston has written frequently for parenting  
20 journals and spoken at numerous state and national conferences; she  
21 has also served as president of the Greater Dallas Parenting  
22 Coalition; and

23           WHEREAS, Recent accolades for her exceptional efforts  
24 include a Special Award of Merit from the Plano Chamber of Commerce

1 and a Legacy of Commitment Award from the John Freeman Hightower  
2 Foundation; and

3 WHEREAS, The unwavering devotion and energetic leadership  
4 that Linda Johnston has brought to parenting education have  
5 bettered the lives of countless parents and children throughout the  
6 Lone Star State and beyond, and her notable service will continue to  
7 bear fruit for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby honor Linda Johnston on the occasion of her  
10 retirement as executive director of Practical Parent Education and  
11 extend to her sincere appreciation for her tremendous contributions  
12 to the families of Texas; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for Mrs. Johnston as an expression of high regard by the  
15 Texas House of Representatives.