

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives takes great
2 pleasure in recognizing March 18, 2003, as the Texas Retired
3 Teachers Association (TRTA) "Celebration of Volunteerism Day"; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded in 1953, TRTA is a nonprofit organization of
5 more than 55,000 retired public school and higher education
6 personnel; in 2002, members of this respected group donated more
7 than 3.8 million hours of volunteer work to their communities, time
8 that translated into professional wages would equal \$63.2 million;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, In addition to promoting the professional,
11 economic, intellectual, and social well-being of retired school
12 personnel, TRTA encourages its members to give voluntarily of their
13 time, talents, training, and experience to a host of civic
14 endeavors across the state and nation; schools, hospitals,
15 churches, and numerous other community entities have benefited
16 immeasurably from the contributions of these dedicated volunteers;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Through the "Children's Book Project," which was
19 established in 1998, TRTA members donated 33,781 books to
20 individual Texas children in 2002; these books--to take home as
21 personal property--were given to children who might otherwise never
22 have had a book to call their own; and

23 WHEREAS, With 257 units statewide, TRTA has demonstrated an
24 impressive commitment to supporting and encouraging the thousands

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1 of retired public school and higher education personnel in the Lone
2 Star State, and it is indeed appropriate to take this opportunity to
3 commend this noteworthy organization and its civic-minded
4 volunteers for their outstanding work; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
6 Legislature hereby recognize March 18, 2003, as the Texas Retired
7 Teachers Association "Celebration of Volunteerism Day" at the State
8 Capitol and extend to all those associated with this fine
9 organization best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable event.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 504 was adopted by the House on March 18, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House