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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

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.