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H.R. No. 1069

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Lela Chism Eaves of Tyler is retiring after an  
2 exceptional 50-year career as a teacher, and her retirement  
3 provides a fitting opportunity to honor her for her many  
4 achievements; and

5           WHEREAS, This outstanding educator graduated from Stephen F.  
6 Austin State University in 1955 and went on to earn a master's  
7 degree from Texas Woman's University three years later; Mrs. Eaves  
8 later continued her studies at The University of Texas at Tyler and  
9 Lamar University in Beaumont; and

10           WHEREAS, Mrs. Eaves began her career as an educator in 1953 as  
11 a fifth grade teacher in Port Bolivar Independent School District;  
12 over the ensuing years, she worked in the Gainesville, Denton,  
13 Odessa, and Tyler ISDs, assuming her position as a teacher and  
14 educational diagnostician in Lindale ISD in 1988; and

15           WHEREAS, Outside of the classroom, Mrs. Eaves has been an  
16 active member of the Beta Sigma Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, the  
17 Ector County chapter of the Counsel of Exceptional Children, and  
18 the East Texas Diagnosticians Association; she also was selected to  
19 help write a curriculum guide for minimally brain injured children  
20 at Lamar Technical University in 1965 and took part in the 1967  
21 Governor's Council on Learning Disabilities; and

22           WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan's devotion to her career is  
23 surpassed only by her love of family; Mrs. Eaves married James "Jim"  
24 Eaves on July 14, 1954, and their family has grown to include their

1 daughters and sons-in-law, Laura Nan and Travis Bailey and Colleen  
2 and Jim Ruppert, their son, James Maco Eaves, and their  
3 grandchildren, Ginger, Genie, and Tara Talkington; and

4 WHEREAS, Lela Chism Eaves has demonstrated a deep commitment  
5 to building a brighter and more promising future for Texas by  
6 educating our state's future leaders, and it is a pleasure to join  
7 her colleagues, family, and friends in honoring her notable career;  
8 now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby congratulate Lela Chism Eaves on the occasion of  
11 her retirement from Lindale Independent School District and extend  
12 to her sincere best wishes as she embarks on this next chapter of  
13 her life; and, be it further

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