

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The retirement of Rod Tate brings to a close the
2 distinguished 30-year career of an exemplary Texas educator; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Tate attended Tarlton State University, where he
4 earned his bachelor of science degree in elementary education and
5 history as well as his master's degree in education administration
6 and mid-management certification; and

7 WHEREAS, A Mineral Wells native, Mr. Tate has taught fifth
8 grade and coached intermediate physical education at Cullen Grimes
9 Elementary; he also has taught middle school in Texas history,
10 American history, and world history in the Early Independent School
11 District; and

12 WHEREAS, While a coach for the University Interscholastic
13 League Modern Oratory Team, Mr. Tate provided superb mentorship and
14 guidance to the participating students, who consistently placed in
15 the top three award spots; and

16 WHEREAS, A talented educator able to encourage and engross
17 his students in the learning experience, Mr. Tate was supportive
18 and willing to take extra steps to inspire his students, such as the
19 time he shaved his head to reward the football team for a big win;
20 considered a role model and a friend by his students, Mr. Tate and
21 his infectious laughter will be sorely missed in the school
22 hallways; and

23 WHEREAS, Through his dedication and hard work, Mr. Tate has
24 positively influenced the lives of countless young people, and his

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1 admirable career in education deserves special legislative
2 recognition; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
4 Legislature hereby congratulate Rod Tate on the occasion of his
5 retirement from teaching and extend to him warmest best wishes for
6 future happiness; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for Mr. Tate as an expression of high regard by the Texas
9 House of Representatives.

Keffer of Eastland

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1174 was adopted by the House on May 23, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House