

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 358

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas takes great pleasure in recognizing March 18, 2003, as the Texas Retired Teachers Association Celebration of Volunteerism Day; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1953, the Texas Retired Teachers Association is a nonprofit organization of more than 55,000 retired public school and higher education personnel; members of this estimable group contributed over 3.8 million hours of volunteer work in 2002 to their communities, hours which if translated into professional wages would equal \$63.2 million; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Retired Teachers Association strives to promote the professional, economic, intellectual, and social well-being of retired school personnel and encourages its members to give voluntarily of their time, talents, training, and experience to a host of civic endeavors across the state and nation; schools, hospitals, churches, and numerous other community entities have benefited immeasurably from the contributions of these dedicated volunteers; and

WHEREAS, The association also promotes the Children's Book Project, which was established in 1998; in 2002, association members donated and placed over 33,781 books in the hands of individual Texas children; these books were given to children who otherwise might never have had a book to call their very own; and

WHEREAS, Boasting 257 units statewide, the Texas Retired Teachers Association has shown an impressive commitment to supporting and encouraging the thousands of retired public

school and higher education personnel in the Lone Star State, and it is indeed a privilege to commend this organization and its civic-minded volunteers for their outstanding work; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby declare March 18, 2003, Texas Retired Teachers Association Celebration of Volunteerism Day at the State Capitol and extend to all those associated with this fine organization sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the Texas Retired Teachers Association as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 18, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate