

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 413

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Essie Graves on the occasion of her retirement after 33 years of loyal service in the field of education; and

**WHEREAS**, Essie is retiring from the Houston Independent School District and is being honored at a retirement party on April 5, 2003; she worked for Lovett Elementary School for 23 years and Browning Elementary School for 10 years; and

**WHEREAS**, A native of Buffalo, Texas, Essie earned a bachelor's degree, a master's degree in education, and an English as a Second Language Certificate from Texas Southern University; and

**WHEREAS**, She received Teacher of the Year awards from both Browning and Lovett elementary schools and earned the title of English as a Second Language Teacher of the Year at Lovett Elementary School; and

**WHEREAS**, Essie is an active leader in her community, where she is secretary of the Meredith Manor Civic Club and a member of Greater Saint Matthew Baptist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, A dedicated and resourceful educator, Essie has instilled in her students an appreciation for hard work and a love of learning; she is well known for her dependability and professionalism and for the positive influence she has had on the lives of her many students; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend Essie Graves for her many years of dedicated service to the educational system of our state and extend best wishes to her for the retirement years ahead; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem 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 20, 2003.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate