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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, After 56 years of service to the children of Upshur
2 County and surrounding areas, Montie Morris of Gilmer is closing
3 the doors of her school, Morris Kindergarten, bringing to an end an
4 exceptional tenure as an educator; and

5 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan's career as a teacher began
6 after she and her husband moved to Gilmer in 1949 and she opened
7 South's Play School in their home; by the mid-1950s, the school
8 became South's Kindergarten, and after the death of her husband,
9 C. V. South, and her subsequent marriage to L. J. Morris, the
10 kindergarten was renamed Morris Kindergarten and moved to its
11 present location in 1978; and

12 WHEREAS, While the school has changed both names and
13 addresses, one thing that has remained constant is the outstanding
14 commitment Mrs. Morris demonstrates to her students; whether
15 providing them with first-rate instruction or encouraging them to
16 participate in community activities, including fund-raisers for
17 worthy causes, she has made a positive difference in the lives of
18 countless young Texans; and

19 WHEREAS, Her contributions to her community have not been
20 confined to the classroom; a longtime member of First United
21 Methodist Church, Mrs. Morris taught Sunday school and vacation
22 Bible school, served on the church's administrative board, held a
23 number of offices, and performed in the Bell Choir; moreover, she
24 has given of her time to the VFW Auxiliary, serving as its

1 treasurer, and the Upshur County Hospital Auxiliary, and she has
2 shared her musical talents as a pianist with the Gilmer
3 Convalescent Center, the Gilmer Kiwanis Club, and the Men's Asbury
4 Sunday School Class; and

5 WHEREAS, Those Texans who dedicate themselves to the
6 education of children are indeed worthy of our respect and
7 gratitude, and it is a pleasure to congratulate Montie Morris on a
8 lifetime of educational excellence; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
10 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Montie Morris for
11 nearly six decades of service to the youth of the Lone Star State
12 and extend to her best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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