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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Children are the Lone Star State's most precious
2 resource, and those dedicated professionals who seek to nurture and
3 educate tomorrow's leaders indeed merit our admiration and
4 gratitude; and

5 WHEREAS, Janet McAfee Scott is one such individual, and her
6 commitment to excellence in education is evidenced by her
7 outstanding teaching career that has spanned more than a
8 quarter-century; and

9 WHEREAS, After 15 years of exemplary service at Benjamin
10 Franklin Middle School in the Dallas Independent School District,
11 Ms. Scott is stepping down from her position as a teacher and math
12 team coach, and this occasion presents a fitting opportunity to
13 reflect on her myriad achievements in her field; and

14 WHEREAS, Ms. Scott began working for Franklin Middle School
15 in 1990, and has taught pre-advanced placement mathematics,
16 geometry, algebra, and advanced math topics; in her role as math
17 team coach, she has consistently led her students to success in the
18 district's Mathematics Olympiad and state competitions; and

19 WHEREAS, Born in Terrell to Louise and Bill McAfee, this
20 noteworthy Texan earned her bachelor's degree in elementary
21 education from The University of Texas at Austin and her teaching
22 certificate and master's degree in mathematics from Texas Woman's
23 University; and

24 WHEREAS, In addition to her duties at Franklin Middle School,

1 Ms. Scott has taught pre-advanced placement mathematics, geometry,
2 and algebra at Hillcrest High School, where she has also served as a
3 math team coach; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Scott is a respected member of various
5 professional organizations, including the Mathematics Association
6 of America and the Texas Math and Science Coaches Association, for
7 which she has served as middle school director and coordinator of
8 its annual contest; she is also the founder of the William C. McAfee
9 Mathematics Excellence Foundation at Texas A&M University-Commerce
10 and a summer math camp for girls at Southern Methodist University;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, No stranger to honors, Ms. Scott has received
13 numerous accolades, including the Edyth May Sliffe Award for
14 distinguished teaching in junior high school mathematics, the
15 Honorary Life Membership Award from the Texas Congress of Parents
16 and Teachers, and inclusion in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*;
17 the first teacher invited to serve on the State MathCounts
18 committee, she is also the recipient of an innovative teaching
19 grant from Stanford University; and

20 WHEREAS, On her departure from Franklin Middle School, Ms.
21 Scott begins a new chapter in her career as a teacher, and with the
22 support of her loving son, Greg, and her grandchild, River, she will
23 undoubtedly bring her characteristic energy and enthusiasm to her
24 new position as a mathematics instructor at Parish Episcopal
25 School; and

26 WHEREAS, Janet Scott's impressive skill as an educator and
27 her passionate commitment to the needs of her students are truly

1 outstanding, and her dedication, creativity, and encouragement
2 will long continue to inspire all who know her; now, therefore, be
3 it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
5 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Janet McAfee Scott
6 for her exceptional tenure at Benjamin Franklin Middle School and
7 extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success and
8 achievement; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for Ms. Scott as an expression of high regard by the Texas
11 House of Representatives.