

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives takes great
2 pleasure in recognizing May 12, 2005, as the Texas Retired Teachers
3 Association "Texas Retired School Personnel Day"; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded in 1953, the Texas Retired Teachers
5 Association (TRTA) is a nonprofit organization of more than 55,000
6 retired public school and higher education personnel; in 2004,
7 members of this respected group donated to their communities more
8 than 4.4 million hours of volunteer work, which, if translated into
9 professional wages, would equal \$77.2 million; and

10 WHEREAS, In addition to promoting the professional,
11 economic, intellectual, and social well-being of retired school
12 personnel, TRTA encourages its members to give voluntarily of their
13 time, talents, training, and experience to a host of civic
14 endeavors across the state and nation; schools, hospitals,
15 churches, and numerous other community entities have benefited
16 immeasurably from the contributions of these dedicated volunteers;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Through the "Children's Book Project," which was
19 established in 1998, TRTA members donated more than 50,000 books to
20 individual Texas children in 2004; these books were given to
21 children who might otherwise never have had a book to call their
22 own; and

23 WHEREAS, Participants in the TRTA "Walks-A-Million" program
24 walked more than 17 billion steps to promote health awareness and

1 help lower the cost of health insurance; and

2 WHEREAS, With 260 units statewide, TRTA has demonstrated an
3 impressive commitment to supporting and encouraging the thousands
4 of retired public school and higher education personnel in the Lone
5 Star State, and it is indeed appropriate to take this opportunity to
6 commend this noteworthy organization and its civic-minded
7 volunteers for their outstanding work; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
9 Legislature hereby recognize May 12, 2005, as the Texas Retired
10 Teachers Association "Texas Retired School Personnel Day" at the
11 State Capitol and extend to all those associated with this fine
12 organization best wishes for a memorable event.

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H.R. No. 1629

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1629 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House