

By: Homer

H.C.R. No. 246

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, A distinguished career in education spanning more  
2 than a half-century is drawing to a close with the retirement of  
3 Kathryn Jay Hamilton of Lubbock from the Frenship Independent  
4 School District on May 29, 2009; and

5           WHEREAS, Mrs. Hamilton graduated from McMurray College in  
6 Abilene in 1942 and took her first teaching job that same year in  
7 her hometown of Jayton; she and Thomas Hamilton were married soon  
8 afterward, and Mrs. Hamilton devoted herself to raising her family  
9 for the next decade while living in Lubbock and Hale Center; in  
10 1955, she returned to teaching when she opened a private  
11 kindergarten, operating it for three years; and

12           WHEREAS, After the family moved to Paducah, Texas, in 1958,  
13 Mrs. Hamilton began teaching English at the junior high level; in  
14 1964, she became a high school teacher in Olton and took a similar  
15 job in Post three years later; during this time, she taught English  
16 and speech and coached debate, one-act play, and poetry  
17 interpretation teams; moreover, she also found time to further her  
18 own education, earning a master's degree from East Texas State  
19 University in 1967; and

20           WHEREAS, The Hamiltons moved back to the Lubbock area in  
21 1970, and this experienced educator began her tenure with Frenship  
22 ISD in Wolfforth; in the 39 years since, she has been a respected  
23 member of the faculty, teaching senior English and coaching the  
24 one-act play team; and

1           WHEREAS, When the final class adjourns on May 29, 2009,  
2 Kathryn Hamilton will bid farewell to her students one last time;  
3 her presence in the classroom will be greatly missed, but she may  
4 take great pride in her many decades of devoted service as an  
5 educator, knowing that she has made a positive difference in the  
6 lives of countless young Texans; now, therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas  
8 hereby honor Kathryn Jay Hamilton for her outstanding career in  
9 education on the occasion of her retirement and extend to her  
10 sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it  
11 further

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