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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A distinguished career in the field of education
2 drew to a close with the retirement of Linda Muhl from Dr. John D.
3 Horn High School in Mesquite in May 2008; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Aquilla, Linda Muhl moved to Mesquite at the
5 age of four and graduated from Mesquite High School in 1955; she is
6 the mother of four children, Andy, Peter, Kip, and Sally, and she
7 and her husband, Andrew H. Muhl, Jr., have also welcomed 10
8 grandchildren and a great-granddaughter into their family; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Muhl enrolled in college at age 36, and she
10 joined the faculty at North Mesquite High School six years later;
11 her tenure at the school extended for 20 years, during which she
12 taught social studies and English; she went on to establish the
13 Gifted Department at Horn High School, teaching there for nine
14 years; and

15 WHEREAS, This outstanding educator emphasized discovery in
16 her classes, and she often recited insightful sayings to her
17 students, such as "making a difference in this world is much more
18 important than getting a big paycheck" and "no kind thoughts are
19 ever meaningful left unshared"; one of her favorite maxims is
20 especially well remembered by many of her students: "do not let life
21 pass you by like a train in the night; jump aboard, seizing every
22 opportunity possible"; this phrase not only inspired many young
23 people to take account of the opportunities available to them, but
24 also summed up the positive approach that Mrs. Muhl took in her own

1 life in realizing her dream of becoming an educator; and

2 WHEREAS, Several prestigious accolades have come to Mrs. Muhl
3 over the course of her 29-year career, including induction into the
4 Mesquite Independent School District Apple Corps, an honor society
5 for local teachers, and selection as Outstanding High School
6 Teacher of the Year for 2000 by the Texas Council of Teachers of
7 English; in addition, she holds life memberships in the North
8 Mesquite High School and John Horn High School Parent Teacher
9 Associations; and

10 WHEREAS, Educators as enthusiastic and inspiring as Linda
11 Muhl are deserving of the highest respect, and her exceptional
12 vitality and dedication have made a lasting and positive impression
13 on her students and her fellow teachers; a great asset to the
14 Mesquite ISD throughout her tenure, she may indeed reflect with
15 pride on a career well spent; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
17 hereby congratulate Linda Muhl on her retirement from Horn High
18 School in Mesquite and extend to her sincere best wishes for the
19 future; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for Mrs. Muhl as an expression of high regard by the Texas
22 House of Representatives.