R E S O L U T I O N

1   WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives proudly

2 recognizes the members of the Texas Association of Public Employee

3 Retirement Systems (TEXPERS) on the occasion of their 20th Annual

4 Conference in Austin on March 28-April 1, 2009; and

5   WHEREAS, Founded in 1989, TEXPERS is an effective voluntary

6 statewide organization created with the purpose of protecting

7 public employee retirement systems in Texas, as well as promoting

8 quality management by providing members with outstanding

9 educational programs; and

10   WHEREAS, Since it was chartered, this nonprofit educational

11 association has provided forums for discussing state and national

12 legislative issues that affect Texas pension systems; it has also

13 supplied important information on retirement system

14 administration, benefit designs, and federal programs; and

15   WHEREAS, TEXPERS has assumed the task of improving the

16 management and administration of retirement systems through the

17 creation of certified training for trustees, and it is dedicated to

18 addressing the concerns of public employee retirement systems and

19 helping to ensure their actuarial integrity; and

20   WHEREAS, This organization has grown extensively over the

21 past 20 years; currently, its member systems represent more than

22 322,000 active and retired participants throughout the great State

23 of Texas; and

24   WHEREAS, Public retirement systems benefit a significant

1 number of Texas public employees, from police officers to
2 firefighters to employees of utility districts, transit systems,
3 hospital districts, appraisal districts, and river authorities;
4 and

5   WHEREAS, Many members of the nation's outstanding firms that
6 provide professional services to public pension funds are also
7 members of TEXPERS; associate members include actuaries,
8 consultants, banks, law firms, and investment managers; and

9   WHEREAS, The organization's annual conferences provide
10 excellent opportunities for the association to present quality
11 training for trustees and administrators, to develop communication
12 between diverse parties interested in public retirement plans, and
13 to protect the rights of public pension systems and the employees
14 they cover, and this association is to be commended for the vital
15 role it plays in promoting the sound condition of these public
16 funds; now, therefore, be it

17   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
18 Legislature hereby recognize the many individuals affiliated with
19 the Texas Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems and
20 extend to them best wishes for a successful annual conference; and,
21 be it further

22   RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for TEXPERS as an expression of high regard by the Texas
24 House of Representatives.