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H.R. No. 1108

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives takes pride in
2 its public educators, who provide an invaluable service to the
3 people of this state; and

4 WHEREAS, The Texas Retired Teachers Association represents
5 retired public education employees, 1,100 of whom are presently
6 gathering in Dallas for their 56th annual convention; and

7 WHEREAS, Members of this notable group continually work to
8 improve their local communities throughout the state, generously
9 donating nearly five million hours of service, a value equivalent
10 to over \$97 million; retired educators volunteer their time in
11 schools and promote lifelong learning, having provided more than
12 462,000 books to children through the Children's Book Project,
13 including nearly 82,000 in 2008 alone; and

14 WHEREAS, Members of the Texas Retired Teachers Association
15 are conscious of the effect their health has on the world around
16 them and work to preserve the TRS-Care plan by reducing doctor
17 visits through their participation in the Walks-A-Million Program,
18 in which they have collectively taken over 28 billion steps toward
19 greater wellness; and

20 WHEREAS, Retiree annuity payments from the Teacher
21 Retirement System of Texas have exceeded \$6 billion, directly
22 creating 84,300 jobs in the Lone Star State; and

23 WHEREAS, The Texas Retired Teachers Association and its
24 membership of almost 70,000 members work diligently to protect

1 current and future public education retirees; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
3 Legislature hereby recognize March 29-April 4, 2009, as Texas
4 Retired Teachers Week; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for the association as an expression of high regard by the
7 Texas House of Representatives.