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H.R. No. 1570

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Professor Ruth Pitts of McLennan Community College
2 in Waco was named a Piper Professor for 2008 by the Minnie Stevens
3 Piper Foundation; and

4 WHEREAS, Since 1958, the Piper Professor Program has
5 recognized superior teaching at the college level by annually
6 awarding \$5,000 each to 15 Texas educators; teachers are singled
7 out for their dedication to their profession and for the special
8 impact they have made in the lives of their students; and

9 WHEREAS, Ruth Pitts received her bachelor's degree in music
10 education from Baylor University, and she went on to earn a master's
11 degree and a Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University; she has been an
12 active member of the Music Teachers National Association for 30
13 years, and she has served as president of the Texas Music Teachers
14 Association; and

15 WHEREAS, A teacher for more than 35 years, Dr. Pitts has
16 taught since 1977 at MCC, where she is currently an instructor of
17 transfer music; she has inspired her students and earned the
18 respect and admiration of her colleagues with her skill, knowledge,
19 and enthusiasm; and

20 WHEREAS, The students of the Lone Star State benefit greatly
21 from the dedication of committed teachers like Dr. Pitts, and this
22 prestigious award provides a fitting recognition for a truly
23 outstanding educator; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas

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1 Legislature hereby congratulate Ruth Pitts for being named a Piper
2 Professor of 2008 and extend to her sincere best wishes for
3 continued success and happiness; and, be it further

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