

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, With her retirement at the close of the 2008-2009
2 school year, educator Ruby Leona Gates concludes a notable career
3 with the Northside Independent School District in San Antonio; and

4 WHEREAS, A native Texan, Ruby Leona Williams was born in
5 Roscoe to Aubrey and Rosie Williams; she grew up in Hermleigh and
6 later earned a degree from Angelo State University; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1972, she married Lieutenant Ned Gates, and the
8 couple's military travels took them to Webb Air Force Base in Big
9 Spring and on to California, Nebraska, Okinawa, and England before
10 they settled in the Alamo City; today, this devoted mother of three
11 sons, Jeff, Travis, and Sam, and "Nana" to granddaughter, Zoey,
12 delights in her treasured family that also includes a
13 daughter-in-law, Mary; and

14 WHEREAS, Since joining the faculty of William H. Taft High
15 School in 1989, Mrs. Gates has influenced scores of young people on
16 their journey to becoming engaged, productive citizens; she was
17 instrumental in the development of Taft's special education
18 program, which has grown to a current enrollment of 35; and

19 WHEREAS, A devout congregant of St. Brigid's Catholic Church,
20 Mrs. Gates is widely known for her Southern charm, her
21 award-winning sweet potato pies, and her skill as a Bunko player;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Ruby Gates has long contributed her talents in
24 behalf of her profession, her family, and her community, and her

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1 retirement offers a welcome opportunity to reflect on her many
2 achievements; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
4 Legislature hereby congratulate Ruby Leona Gates on her retirement
5 from Taft High School and extend to her sincere best wishes for
6 happiness and good fortune in the years ahead; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for Mrs. Gates as an expression of high regard by the Texas
9 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2347 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House