

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 343

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mrs. Muhl as an expression of the high regard of the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 2, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate