

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 546**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas proudly recognizes the members of the Texas Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems on the occasion of their 20th annual conference in Austin, which is being held March 28 through April 1, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, Founded in 1989, the Texas Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems is an effective voluntary nonprofit statewide organization created with the purpose of protecting public employee retirement systems in Texas and promoting quality management by providing members with outstanding educational programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Since it was chartered, this nonprofit educational association has provided forums for discussing state and national legislative issues that affect Texas pension systems; it has also supplied important information on retirement system administration, benefit designs, and federal programs; and

**WHEREAS**, The Texas Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems has assumed the tasks of improving the management and administration of retirement systems through the creation of certified training for trustees and is dedicated to addressing the concerns of public employee retirement systems and helping to ensure their actuarial integrity; and

**WHEREAS**, This organization has grown extensively since its inception 20 years ago; currently the association's member systems represent over 322,000 active and retired participants throughout the great State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, Public retirement systems represent a significant number of Texas public employees, from police officers and firefighters to employees of utility districts, transit systems, hospital districts, appraisal districts, and river authorities; and

**WHEREAS**, Many members of the nation's outstanding firms that provide professional services to public pension funds are also members of the Texas Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems; the associate members include actuaries, consultants, banks, law firms, and investment managers; and

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

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**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby recognize the many individuals affiliated with the Texas Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems and extend best wishes to them for a successful annual conference; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the Texas Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 1, 2009.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate