

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 674

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Texas Retired Teachers Association and pay tribute to this state's public educators, who provide an invaluable service to the people of the State of Texas; and

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

WHEREAS, The members of the Texas Retired Teachers Association continually work to improve their local communities throughout the state; they have given from their hearts almost five million hours of volunteer service, with a value equivalent to more than \$97 million; and

WHEREAS, Retired educators volunteer in schools and promote lifelong learning by providing books to children through the Children's Book Project; more than 462,000 books have been donated so far, including almost 82,000 last year alone; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Texas Retired Teachers Association are conscious of the effect their health has on the world around them and work to preserve the TRS-Care program by reducing doctor visits through their participation in the Walks-A-Million Program, in which they have collectively taken more than 28 billion steps toward greater wellness; and

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

WHEREAS, The Texas Retired Teachers Association and its nearly 70,000 members work diligently to protect current and future public education retirees; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend the Texas Retired Teachers Association for its outstanding work and recognize the week of March 29 through April 4, 2009, as Texas Retired Teachers Week; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the association as an expression of esteem 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 22, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate