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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Students, parents, educators, and community members
throughout the State of Texas are celebrating National Teacher Day
on May 3, 2011; and

WHEREAS, This worthy tradition dates to the 1940s, when Arkansas educator Mattye Whyte Woodridge began corresponding with political and educational leaders to suggest an official day to honor teachers across the country; she attracted the attention of Eleanor Roosevelt, who in 1953 persuaded the United States Congress to proclaim a National Teacher Day; the event is now observed on the Tuesday of the first full week of May; and

11 WHEREAS, Texas public schools employ more than 320,000 12 teachers, who play an essential role in the lives of the state's 4.7 13 million students; as role models, motivators, mentors, and 14 listeners, teachers lay the foundation for the good citizens of the 15 future; and

16 WHEREAS, The quality education that teachers provide is vital 17 for young people to achieve their full potential, and the 18 exceptional contributions made by all who teach are indeed 19 deserving of an expression of appreciation from the residents of 20 the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas 2 Legislature hereby recognize May 3, 2011, as National Teacher Day 3 in Texas and extend to teachers throughout the state sincere best 4 wishes for success in their important work.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 466 was adopted by the House on May 12, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House