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R E S O L U T I O N

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

4 WHEREAS, This worthy tradition dates to the 1940s, when
5 Arkansas educator Mattye Whyte Woodridge began corresponding with
6 political and educational leaders to suggest an official day to
7 honor teachers across the country; she attracted the attention of
8 Eleanor Roosevelt, who in 1953 persuaded the United States Congress
9 to proclaim a National Teacher Day; the event is now observed on the
10 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

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