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H.R. No. 828

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives takes pride in
2 its public educators, who provide an invaluable service to the
3 people of Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, The Texas Retired Teachers Association is the
5 largest association for retired public school and higher education
6 employees in the nation; and

7 WHEREAS, The members of this notable group continually work
8 to improve their local communities, and in 2010 they donated more
9 than 5.8 million hours of their time as volunteers, equivalent to a
10 value of more than \$121 million; to promote literacy and lifelong
11 learning, they have provided more than a half-million books to
12 schoolchildren through the Children's Book Project, including more
13 than 120,000 in 2010; and

14 WHEREAS, Conscious of the effect their health has on the
15 world around them, members of the association work to preserve the
16 TRS-Care program by reducing doctor visits with the Walks-A-Million
17 initiative, in which during 2010 they collectively took more than
18 23 billion steps toward greater wellness; and

19 WHEREAS, Retiree annuity payments from the Teacher
20 Retirement System of Texas have exceeded \$6 billion, directly
21 creating 91,500 jobs in the Lone Star State; and

22 WHEREAS, The Texas Retired Teachers Association and its
23 membership of nearly 70,000 are working diligently to protect
24 current and future public education retirees; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
2 Legislature hereby recognize March 21 through 25, 2011, as Texas
3 Retired Teachers Week; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for the Texas Retired Teachers Association as an
6 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.