

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Sharon Nowling Perry is retiring from Port Houston
2 Elementary School in the Houston Independent School District on
3 June 30, 2011, bringing to a close her notable career in education;
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5 WHEREAS, A native of Houston, Ms. Perry graduated from
6 Prairie View A&M University with a bachelor of science degree in May
7 1981 and was hired by the Houston Independent School District the
8 following August; she taught at William E. Patterson Elementary
9 until 1984, when she joined the staff of Port Houston Elementary;
10 her professional experience includes more than 20 years as a
11 physical education teacher and over five years teaching sixth
12 grade; she holds a Provisional Education Teaching Certificate and
13 is certified to teach English as a second language; an accomplished
14 and respected educator, she has been elected Port Houston Teacher
15 of the Year seven times, most recently in April 2011; and

16 WHEREAS, During her tenure at Port Houston, Ms. Perry has
17 mentored new teachers, served on the Port Houston Elementary Shared
18 Decision-Making Committee, and devoted countless hours to
19 supporting the school's extracurricular programs; she has
20 organized and led sixth graders on their tour of Texas colleges and
21 universities, coordinated the school's drug-awareness week,
22 sponsored the in-line skating unit, and worked for the past 23 years
23 with the Dolphins cheerleaders and tumblers, a group she was
24 instrumental in establishing; and

1 WHEREAS, This dynamic educator has also volunteered as a
2 coach with the Special Olympics, chaperoned groups of Boy Scouts
3 and Girl Scouts, and served as a sponsor for the Marathon Kids Fun
4 Run, Turkey Trot Fun Run, Rodeo Round-up, and American Heart
5 Association's Jump Rope for Heart Event; and

6 WHEREAS, In all her endeavors, Ms. Perry enjoys the support
7 of her husband, Charles; she is the loving mother of a son, Shaun
8 Nowling, and the proud grandmother of D'Shaun Nowling; in her free
9 time she enjoys reading, hiking, and traveling, as well as playing
10 softball and flag football; and

11 WHEREAS, Sharon Perry has demonstrated an unwavering
12 commitment to her students, and her hard work and dedication have
13 made a positive difference in the lives of countless young Texans;
14 now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
16 Legislature hereby congratulate Sharon Nowling Perry on the
17 occasion of her retirement as a teacher at Port Houston Elementary
18 School and extend to her sincere best wishes for happiness in the
19 years ahead; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for Ms. Perry as an expression of high regard by the Texas
22 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2022

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2022 was adopted by the House on May 26, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House