

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 687

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Ruth Hinkle Kicklighter on the occasion of her retirement from La Porte High School after an exemplary career in education; and

**WHEREAS**, Ruth Kicklighter moved to Houston from New Orleans after graduating from college, seeking a biology research position at the medical center; her lack of success in that job search led to her taking a temporary teaching position at La Porte High School; that temporary job lasted 45 years; and

**WHEREAS**, She taught biology for most of her career at La Porte High School, and she prepared many students for the advanced placement test in biology; she developed the curriculum for courses in anatomy and physiology and taught those classes for a time, and she also served as the science department chair for four years; and

**WHEREAS**, Throughout her tenure at the high school, she was involved with many extracurricular activities; she sponsored the cheerleading squad, coached students for University Interscholastic League science competitions, and worked in the theater department in makeup and sewing groups for the school's musical; and

**WHEREAS**, A talented and resourceful educator, Ruth Kicklighter has inspired generations of students through her wise counsel and encouragement; she has had a positive influence on the lives of many young people, and her presence at La Porte High School will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend Ruth Hinkle Kicklighter for her many contributions to the educational system of this state and extend to her best wishes for the retirement years ahead; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of high regard 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 4, 2011.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate