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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 7, 2013; 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; her efforts attracted the
8 attention of Eleanor Roosevelt, who in 1953 persuaded the United
9 States Congress to proclaim a National Teacher Day; the event is now
10 observed on the Tuesday of the first full week of May; and

11 WHEREAS, Texas public schools employ more than 330,000
12 teachers, who play an essential role in the lives of the state's 4.9
13 million students; as role models, motivators, and mentors, teachers
14 give students a vision of what they are capable of achieving and
15 equip them with skills that will help them to build rewarding,
16 productive lives; and

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

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
23 Legislature hereby recognize May 7, 2013, as National Teacher Day
24 in Texas and extend to teachers throughout the state sincere best

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1 wishes for success in their important work.