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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 the State of Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, The Texas Retired Teachers Association represents  
5 retired public school and higher education employees; and

6 WHEREAS, The members of this notable group continually strive  
7 to improve their local communities throughout the state, and in  
8 2012 they donated more than 5.9 million hours of their time as  
9 volunteers, equivalent to a value of more than \$130 million; to  
10 promote literacy and lifelong learning, they have provided over  
11 600,000 books to children through the Children's Book Project,  
12 including 145,433 in 2012; and

13 WHEREAS, Conscious of the effect their health has on the  
14 world around them, members of the association work to preserve the  
15 TRS-Care benefits program by reducing doctor visits through the  
16 Walks-A-Million Program, collectively taking over 24 billion steps  
17 toward greater wellness in 2012; and

18 WHEREAS, Retiree annuity payments from the Teacher  
19 Retirement System of Texas have exceeded \$7 billion, directly  
20 creating 98,900 jobs in the Lone Star State; and

21 WHEREAS, The Texas Retired Teachers Association and its  
22 nearly 80,000 members are working diligently to protect current and  
23 future public education retirees; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas

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1 Legislature hereby recognize March 18 through 22, 2013, as Texas  
2 Retired Teachers Week; and, be it further

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