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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Frances Etheridge retired from Garriga Elementary
2 School in June 2012, drawing to a close 47 years of service to the
3 Point Isabel Independent School District; and

4 WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Port Isabel, Mrs. Etheridge
5 received an associate's degree from Texas Southmost College,
6 graduated summa cum laude from Pan American University, and earned
7 a master's degree in bilingual education from Texas A&I University;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Etheridge began her career with Point Isabel
10 ISD in 1965 as a paraprofessional and later took on secretarial
11 duties before becoming a teacher at Garriga Elementary; during the
12 course of her distinguished tenure, she served on a number of
13 district committees and was chosen as the Walmart Teacher of the
14 Year in 1996, selected as the inaugural inductee into the PIISD Hall
15 of Fame in 2002, and voted by her colleagues as Garriga Elementary
16 Teacher of the Year in 2012; she has also been listed in *Who's Who*
17 *Among America's Teachers*; and

18 WHEREAS, This esteemed educator's contributions to her
19 community extend beyond the classroom; currently on the board of
20 the Port Isabel Beautification Committee, she has also held seats
21 on the boards of the Boys and Girls Club of Laguna Madre and Port
22 Isabel Public Library, volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, and
23 been a member of the Port Isabel Tarpons Quarterback Club; she is
24 active in several church ministries and has helped make prayer

1 blankets for the sick; for her efforts, she was honored in 2012 with
2 the Service Award from the Rotary Club of Port Isabel; and

3 WHEREAS, In all of her endeavors, Mrs. Etheridge enjoys the
4 love and support of her son, Henry Etheridge, Jr., his wife,
5 Elizabeth, and her grandson, Henry Etheridge III; and

6 WHEREAS, Frances Etheridge demonstrated an unwavering
7 commitment to her students, and she may indeed reflect with pride on
8 the positive difference her hard work and dedication made in the
9 lives of countless young Texans; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Frances Etheridge on her
12 retirement from the Point Isabel Independent School District and
13 extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Mrs. Etheridge as an expression of high regard by the
16 Texas House of Representatives.