

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 461

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas takes pride in its public educators, who provide an invaluable service to the people of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Retired Teachers Association represents retired public education employees; its members work to improve their local communities throughout the state and have given more than 5,970,000 hours of volunteer service, equivalent to a value of more than \$130 million; and

WHEREAS, Retired educators volunteer in schools and promote lifelong learning by providing books to children through the Children's Book Project; they have given more than 600,000 books to this worthy cause, including 145,433 last year alone; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Texas Retired Teachers Association are conscious of the effect their health has on the world around them, and they work to preserve the Teacher Retirement System group health benefits program and reduce doctor visits by taking care of their health and participating in the Walks-A-Million Program, through which they have collectively taken more than 24 billion steps toward greater wellness; and

WHEREAS, Retiree annuity payments from the Teacher Retirement System of Texas have exceeded \$7 billion and have directly created 98,900 jobs in the State of Texas through such payments; and

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

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby recognize March 18 through 22, 2013, as Texas Retired Teachers Week; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the association as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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Birdwell	Hancock	Schwertner
Campbell	Hegar	Seliger
Carona	Hinojosa	Taylor
Davis	Huffman	Uresti
Deuell	Lucio	Van de Putte
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Fraser	Paxton	Williams
Garcia	Rodriguez	Zaffirini

Dewhurst, President of the Senate

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 20, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate