

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 972

WHEREAS, Glenna Burns of Lubbock has rendered exceptional service to her community as an educator and as a community volunteer; and

WHEREAS, An alumna of Texas Tech University, Mrs. Burns had completed 40 hours of coursework at Tech when she began teaching at Community Center Schools in 1946, at the age of 17; she married the following year and became a homemaker and the mother of two sons, Ted and James; in 1961, she returned to Texas Tech to complete her degree, and following her graduation in 1963, she embarked on an outstanding 27-year career in the Lubbock Independent School District; she served on numerous committees, created and organized workshops, raised scholarship funds, and worked to increase participation in the state's textbook selection process; in addition, she was instrumental in the establishment of a sick leave bank for district personnel, and she was elected to its inaugural board of directors; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Burns remained deeply engaged in education and youth enrichment following her retirement; she volunteered in schools, and she served the Texas Retired Teachers Association in many capacities, among them as board member, state health care chair, state convention chair, and district and local president; a powerful advocate for retired educators, she has written more than 200 letters to newspaper editorial boards across the state about important issues; her numerous accolades include the prestigious 2013 E. L. Galyean Service Award from the Texas Retired Teachers Association; moreover, she led the

Adopt-a-School Program of Altrusa International of Lubbock, and she has given generously of her time and talents to the League of Women Voters, the Family Guidance and Outreach Center's Connection Kids, the Twentieth Century Club, and many other groups; and

WHEREAS, There is no greater challenge or responsibility than the education of our children, and through her steadfast dedication to that mission, Glenna Burns has made vital contributions to her community and her state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby honor Glenna Burns for her endeavors in behalf of public education and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mrs. Burns 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 May 22, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate