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H.R. No. 965

RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The observance of Texas Retired Teachers Week from 2 March 27 through 31, 2017, provides a welcome opportunity to 3 recognize the members of the Texas Retired Teachers Association for 4 the vital contributions they have made to the state; and

5 WHEREAS, The Texas Retired Teachers Association represents 6 retired public school and higher education employees; and

7 WHEREAS, The members of this notable group continually strive 8 to improve their local communities throughout the state, and they 9 have donated over 6 million hours of their time as volunteers, 10 equivalent to a value of more than \$152 million; to promote literacy 11 and lifelong learning, they have also provided over 800,000 books 12 to children through the Children's Book Project, including 142,461 13 last year alone; and

14 WHEREAS, Conscious of the effect their health has on the 15 world around them, members of the association seek to preserve the 16 TRS-Care benefits program by reducing doctor visits, exercising 17 regularly, and eating healthy foods; and

18 WHEREAS, Retiree annuity payments from the Teacher 19 Retirement System of Texas have exceeded \$8.5 billion and have 20 directly created 112,939 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 85th Texas

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H.R. No. 965 1 Legislature hereby recognize March 27 through 31, 2017, 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.