## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 244

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to welcome the members of the Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE) who are visiting Austin and join them in celebrating March 6, 2017, as ATPE Day at the Capitol; and

WHEREAS, The ATPE was founded to serve the needs of Texas teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators, and public education employees; it is the largest educators' association in Texas and the largest independent educators' association in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The association is owned and governed by more than 100,000 members, whose actions are guided by the tenets established by its board of directors; it encourages participation in the political process and calls on members to serve as leaders in their communities; and

WHEREAS, The association works diligently to protect the rights of educators across the state and strives to ensure that the state's schools are among the best in the nation; its members are having a profound impact on the future of this state as they prepare the schoolchildren of Texas to be successful in a complex world; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend the members of the Association of Texas Professional Educators on their commitment to excellence in education and extend to them best wishes for a productive and memorable ATPE Day at the Capitol; 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.

Rodríguez

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 6, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate