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H.R. No. 2464

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Michelle Fratto is retiring from James Martin High
2 School in the Arlington Independent School District in 2023,
3 drawing to a close an extraordinary career in education that has
4 spanned more than three decades; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Fratto began her career as an educator at Boles
6 Junior High School in Arlington; after spending five years there,
7 she joined the faculty at Martin High School, where she has taught
8 for the past 27 years; and

9 WHEREAS, In the course of her duties as a public speaking
10 teacher, Mrs. Fratto has excelled at helping students build their
11 self-confidence, and she has served as a sounding board and
12 cheerleader for thousands of young people through the years; in one
13 of her innovative approaches, she has had students present plays
14 before other classes to overcome their stage fright, and many
15 individuals look back on their time in high school fondly thanks to
16 their performances of *The Princess Bride*, *Grease*, and *Green Eggs*
17 *and Ham*, among many other works; and

18 WHEREAS, In all her endeavors, Mrs. Fratto enjoys the love
19 and support of her husband, Barney, who has also distinguished
20 himself as a teacher at Martin High and who is a former Teacher of
21 the Year at Boles Junior High; moreover, she takes great pride in
22 her sons, Alex and Clay; and

23 WHEREAS, For 32 years, Michelle Fratto has provided a
24 positive and inspiring learning environment for Arlington

1 students, and she has earned the lasting admiration and affection
2 of all who are privileged to know her; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
4 Legislature hereby congratulate Michelle Fratto on her retirement
5 from the Arlington Independent School District and extend to her
6 sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for Mrs. Fratto as an expression of high regard by the
9 Texas House of Representatives.