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RESOLUTION

Assure Solvency of Texas Teacher Retirement Fund and Health Care Benefits

A RESOLUTION TO: Assure the Texas Teacher Retirement Fund remains actuarially sound and capable of supporting health care and pharmaceutical assistance to future retired teachers.

WHEREAS, The Texas Teacher Retirement System should not be used to supplant the obligation of the state and .the school districts to pay salaries to retain current employees; and,

WHEREAS, That upon retiring and immediately returning to work, neither the retiree nor the state contributes to the Texas Teacher Retirement Fund system; and,

WHEREAS, If the current trend of retiring and immediately returning to work continues, .it may threaten any future cost of living increases for current and future retirees who are no longer able to work; and,

WHEREAS, the state-mandated contribution rates to TRS-Care have remained at .50% from the state and .25% from active school employees since 1989, even though health care and prescription drug costs have skyrocketed during this same period; now, therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That the 10th Texas Silver-Haired Legislature encourage and strongly recommend the 79th Texas Legislature to analyze the impact of retirees on the Teacher Retirement System who immediately return to full time employment without further contribution into the system and adjust state contributory rates In conjunction with the CPI to ensure the availability of critical health benefits to future retirees.

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of September, 2004, by

the _____ Committee,

Chair

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of September, 2004, by

by the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature.

Speaker

ATTEST:

Secretary