

By: West

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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Children and Family Institute on the occasion of the organization's 30th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Children and Family Institute was established in 1993 by Rose Nesbitt Jones with the mission to find permanent, loving homes for hard-to-place children from diverse backgrounds, including African American children, school-age children, and sibling groups; and

WHEREAS, Rose Nesbitt Jones began fostering children as a volunteer house parent for at-risk teenage girls while completing her university studies in social work; guided by her passion for adoption, she went on to serve for 40 years as a social worker with a number of agencies, including the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, where she served for seven years; and

WHEREAS, Determined to do more in service of children, Rose set her heart on pursuing this calling, and she established the Children and Family Institute to provide hope and a future to youth and children in the area; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the organization has nurtured an ethos of compassion in the community and has been instrumental in strengthening and restoring families over the years; in 2008, the institute began to offer a range of

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comprehensive support services at no cost to parents, including such services as classes, mentoring, career planning, adoption education, financial education, and life skills training; and

WHEREAS, Four years later, the organization opened an additional branch office in the Fort Worth area, and in 2015, it established the Fatherhood Institute to provide a program that offers support services to fathers of all ages; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the past three decades, Children and Family Institute has served as a beacon of hope to foster children and youth and has empowered families to take courage in cultivating the beautiful spirit of adoption; this outstanding organization has forged a lasting legacy of compassion, resilience, and positive social change, and it is a shining example to future generations who wish to build a brighter tomorrow; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby commend the staff and volunteers of Children and Family Institute on 30 years of dedicated service to foster children in the Lone Star State and extend to all best wishes for continued success in the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the institute as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.