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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Melissa Petry was asked by Texas Network of Youth
2 Services to serve as the keynote speaker for the 2003 Children's
3 Advocacy Day, and this achievement was a most fitting honor for this
4 16-year-old North Texan who since childhood has devoted her efforts
5 to the service of others through innovative civic and charitable
6 endeavors; and

7 WHEREAS, Four years ago, while visiting a local shelter with
8 her Girl Scout troop, Ms. Petry noted that there was a great need
9 among shelter residents for baby supplies and over-the-counter
10 medicines; she immediately responded to the challenge and, as part
11 of her Girl Scout Silver Award, raised funds for these critical
12 items and then helped the shelter to start a library and obtain a
13 television and other video equipment; and

14 WHEREAS, Since that time, this exemplary Texan has dedicated
15 herself to further community service work, even launching a
16 nonprofit organization named Our Kids Care that has provided
17 furniture and supplies to the Fort Worth Ronald McDonald House and
18 has distributed both used and refurbished personal computers to
19 low-income families; her efforts have garnered the Points of Light
20 award, the Walt Disney Corporation Millennium Dreamer award, and
21 the Tarrant County Youth Collaboration Voice of Innovation award;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Through her compassion, enthusiasm, and hard work,
24 Ms. Petry has made a positive and lasting impact in the lives of

1 children and families in the Lone Star State, and it is a privilege
2 to pay special tribute to this Texas role model as she embarks on a
3 future full of promise and possibility; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
5 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Melissa Petry for
6 her many outstanding contributions to her community and extend to
7 her sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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