

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 27

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities and the Houston Commission on Disabilities on the occasion of their 10th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities was created by city ordinance in 1993 to serve as an advocate for the rights and needs of people with disabilities; integrated into the city's Affirmative Action Division in 2000, the office maintains important data on individuals with disabilities, promotes and enhances programs and services to assist these residents, and helps coordinate all federal, state, and city laws concerning people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, The office also provides support for initiatives of the Houston Commission on Disabilities and serves as a liaison between the mayor, city council, city departments, and other public and private entities on matters pertaining to individuals with disabilities in the greater Houston area; and

WHEREAS, Currently, the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities administers three programs; the Citizen's Assistance Services provides information and referrals to individuals with disabilities and helps them investigate and resolve complaints and emergencies; the Pedestrian Accessibility Review provides emergency sidewalk, curb cut, and traffic signal installation and repair; and Home of Your Own addresses the need for accessible and affordable housing for individuals with disabilities; and

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WHEREAS, On September 23, 2003, city officials and citizens will gather at the City Hall Annex Conference Room to recall the many achievements of these two offices and to celebrate their 10th anniversary; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities and the Houston Commission on Disabilities for their exemplary record in assisting many deserving people and extend congratulations to them on their 10th anniversary; and, be it further

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

Gallegos

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on September 19, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate