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H.R. No. 221

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Fifth Ward Enrichment Program (FWEP) has long
2 served as a haven for young men and boys coping with the problems
3 that commonly affect inner-city communities, and the program's 20th
4 anniversary celebrations indeed merit special recognition; and

5 WHEREAS, FWEP was born in the summer of 1984, when Joe Briggs,
6 Rudy Wagner, and Ernest McMillan gathered to coordinate and plan
7 activities for the boys of E. O. Smith Junior High School; in the
8 course of two decades, the scope of the program's community
9 services and outreach efforts has expanded to include six area
10 schools, positively affecting the lives of more than 4,000 young
11 men and their families; and

12 WHEREAS, From providing health services and tutorial
13 programs to organizing career fairs, academic competitions, and
14 community projects, the program's activities encompass many
15 aspects of a young man's growth; it seeks to germinate in each
16 individual a sense of identity and responsibility to himself and
17 the world at large, ultimately preparing participants for the
18 demands of adulthood; and

19 WHEREAS, FWEP's many accomplishments embody the steadfast
20 idealism of the staff members, volunteers, and board members who
21 have helped conduct the daily operations of this exemplary
22 organization during its 20-year existence; as in the past, these
23 individuals will continually work to nurture the minds and spirits
24 of their young charges, providing them with the tools and resources

1 necessary to persevere and overcome adversity; now, therefore, be
2 it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
4 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby commemorate the 20th
5 anniversary of the Fifth Ward Enrichment Program and commend all
6 those involved with its cause for promoting the care and welfare of
7 past, present, and future generations; and, be it further

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