

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 160

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize May of 2004 as National Drug Court Month; and

**WHEREAS**, Drug courts provide the focus and leadership for communitywide, antidrug systems, bringing together people who work in criminal justice, treatment, education, and other fields in the fight against drug abuse and criminality; and

**WHEREAS**, The drug court programs combine intensive judicial supervision, mandatory substance abuse treatment, drug testing, and escalating sanctions and incentives in order to break the cycle of drug addiction and its concomitant crime; and

**WHEREAS**, Judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, treatment and rehabilitation professionals, law enforcement and corrections personnel, researchers and educators, national and community leaders, and others working in the drug court system have had a profound impact on their communities through their hard work and commitment; and

**WHEREAS**, The drug court system has grown from 12 original drug courts in 1994 to over 1,200 drug courts nationwide that are in operation or in the planning stages; and

**WHEREAS**, Texas has implemented nine drug courts, and four more courts are in the planning stages; and

**WHEREAS**, The drug court system is an excellent resource for communities across our nation in their fight against drug abuse and crime, and all who participate in their operation deserve to be praised; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby express appreciation for the significant contributions drug courts and drug treatment professionals make to our society and encourage all Texans to observe National Drug Court Month.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 14, 2004.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate