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H.C.R. No. 150

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, In 1903, the Ladies Missionary Society of the First  
2 Presbyterian Church in Dallas established an organization to care  
3 for our state's most vulnerable citizens, its children; and

4           WHEREAS, Since that time, the association now known as  
5 Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS) has offered  
6 assistance and hope to thousands of Texas children and their  
7 families, creating group homes, providing foster homes, and  
8 developing many services and programs to meet the needs of Texans in  
9 crisis; and

10           WHEREAS, Recognizing that the challenges facing children  
11 have changed dramatically in the past 100 years, PCHAS has evolved  
12 with the times and now provides therapeutic programs, after-school  
13 care, and educational support to children in need; this esteemed  
14 organization operates 19 group homes on campuses in Itasca, San  
15 Antonio, Duncanville, Austin, and Waxahachie, and its innovative  
16 Child and Family Programs are available in Corsicana, Houston,  
17 Austin, Corpus Christi, Fort Worth, and Kilgore; and

18           WHEREAS, The year 2003 marks the centennial of PCHAS, and  
19 this milestone will be celebrated with such events as an open house  
20 at each PCHAS facility, a special birthday party, and a symposium on  
21 children; the group will also publish a commemorative book, and a  
22 worship service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in  
23 Dallas during the weekend of October 17-19, 2003; and

24           WHEREAS, For the past century, PCHAS has served as a vital

1 resource to many; whether helping young people to overcome abuse,  
2 neglect, or abandonment, or lending a helping hand to families  
3 facing economic hardship, serious parental illness, or other  
4 parenting crises, the organization has made this state all the  
5 better through its fine work; now, therefore, be it

6         RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas  
7 hereby designate October 24, 2003, as Presbyterian Children's Homes  
8 and Services Day in Texas and commend this outstanding organization  
9 for its ongoing efforts to benefit this state's citizens; and, be it  
10 further

11         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services as an  
13 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives and  
14 Senate.