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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 75th Legislature of the State of Texas created
2 the Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center at Prairie View A&M
3 University by the enactment of House Bill 1550 on June 19, 1997; and

4 WHEREAS, The center's mandates encompass research into
5 juvenile crime and delinquency, the dissemination of information,
6 the establishment of degree and continuing education programs, the
7 development of strategies to address juvenile crime, and
8 collaboration with private, local, and state partners in combating
9 such problems as drug use, youth violence, and gang-related
10 activities; and

11 WHEREAS, In fulfillment of its obligations, the center has
12 sponsored, collected, and analyzed research in all areas related to
13 juvenile crime and delinquency; it has published 60 journal
14 articles, as well as books, government reports, and other
15 resources, and prepared 60 presentations; to increase public
16 awareness and facilitate access to information, it has also created
17 a website with links to national databases on juvenile issues; and

18 WHEREAS, The center has instituted at Prairie View the first
19 doctoral program in the nation focused on juvenile justice; in
20 addition, it has established a master's degree in juvenile justice,
21 a master's degree in juvenile forensic psychology, a specialization
22 in juvenile justice at the undergraduate level, and a certification
23 program for those planning to become juvenile probation officers;
24 moreover, it has organized in-service training activities for

1 criminal justice and social service professionals; and

2 WHEREAS, Other accomplishments include the implementation of
3 juvenile crime prevention programs in Houston, Waller, and
4 Hempstead, engagement in 33 partnerships with public and private
5 entities to reduce juvenile crime and delinquency in Texas, and
6 participation in 10 cooperative agreements with state and federal
7 agencies; and

8 WHEREAS, In meeting the further charge contained in House
9 Bill 1118, passed by the 77th Texas Legislature in 2001, the center
10 has completed a preliminary report on minority overrepresentation
11 in the juvenile justice system and on female offending in three
12 rural counties; in addition, it has designed a statewide study of
13 female offending, sex offending, and minority overrepresentation;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, The Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center is
16 undertaking comprehensive, multifaceted efforts to confront youth
17 crime and its devastating effects; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
19 Legislature hereby congratulate the Texas Juvenile Crime
20 Prevention Center on the occasion of its fifth anniversary and
21 extend to all those associated with it sincere best wishes for
22 continued success; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for the staff of the Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention
25 Center as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of
26 Representatives.