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H.R. No. 428

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to
2 welcome the members of the Parent Association for the Retarded of
3 Texas (PART), Incorporated, who are visiting the State Capitol on
4 March 11, 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, PART is an association of parents, guardians,
6 relatives, and friends of persons with mental retardation, and
7 these volunteers are dedicated to preserving, improving, and
8 expanding services to assure uniform standards of care and
9 treatment for the mentally retarded in the Lone Star State; and

10 WHEREAS, This truly humanitarian organization espouses
11 continued operation and improvements in the state schools and state
12 centers for the mentally retarded, in addition to increasing
13 understanding among the public of all issues affecting persons with
14 mental retardation through the gathering and distribution of
15 information; and

16 WHEREAS, By working with the Texas Department of Mental
17 Health and Mental Retardation and other government agencies, PART
18 strives to improve the system of care in Texas while promoting
19 research that may lead to the prevention of mental retardation in
20 many cases; and

21 WHEREAS, PART supports the Volunteer Services Councils,
22 whose members have contributed countless hours and much-needed
23 financial assistance through the years; it also supports the
24 devoted staffs of the state schools and state centers by acting as

1 an advocate on their behalf for increased wages, benefits, and
2 recognition to ensure that qualified and dedicated workers will
3 continue to be attracted to employment in this field; and

4 WHEREAS, The efforts of PART to improve the quality of care
5 and services available to the mentally impaired in Texas are truly
6 commendable, and for its many years of service as a diligent
7 champion of the needs and rights of these citizens, it is indeed
8 fitting that this distinguished organization be acknowledged for
9 its work; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
11 Legislature hereby recognize March 11, 2003, as Parent Association
12 for the Retarded of Texas Day at the State Capitol and welcome
13 members of the visiting delegation; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Parent Association for the Retarded of Texas,
16 Incorporated, as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of
17 Representatives.