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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Pioneer Day is being celebrated on April 29, 2003,
2 and this occasion provides a fitting opportunity to honor the SBC
3 Pioneers in Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, A group of more than 19,000 active and 18,000
5 retired employees who live and work throughout the Lone Star State,
6 the SBC Pioneers in Texas, along with their Pioneer Partners,
7 volunteer their time and talents to assist in education, social,
8 and environmental programs; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2002, through its Texas Pride and South Texas
10 chapters, the SBC Pioneers provided some 4.2 million hours of
11 volunteer time to Texas communities, a value of more than \$64
12 million; and

13 WHEREAS, The SBC Pioneers can be found working with students
14 in classrooms, feeding the needy, building a playground, organizing
15 a beep-baseball game for the blind, caring for infants born with
16 AIDS, or comforting the sick and elderly in nursing homes; and

17 WHEREAS, Last year, the Pioneers refurbished more than 4,000
18 tape machines in the Talking Book Program and sewed some 4,000
19 stuffed teddy bears for Children in Crisis as well as 800 heart
20 pillows for hospitalized patients; Pioneers also have taught
21 thousands of children to correctly use 9-1-1, have conducted more
22 than 350 Junior Achievement classes, and have built 10 ramps for
23 disabled people in public parks; and

24 WHEREAS, In an effort to promote literacy, Pioneers have

1 provided personalized readers to kindergarten students; volunteers
2 have built a model tropical rainforest in a Corpus Christi
3 elementary school and created a model Internet Safety Training
4 Program in Austin; and

5 WHEREAS, Among their many other achievements are the
6 renovation and furnishing of a halfway house for women in San
7 Antonio, the development of an attendance program for elementary
8 students in West Texas, and the hosting of a Babies Day Program in
9 Dallas for disabled children and their parents; now, therefore, be
10 it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
12 Legislature hereby recognize April 29, 2003, as Pioneer Day in
13 Texas and commend the SBC Pioneers for their tireless efforts in
14 promoting the spirit of volunteerism throughout Texas.