

By: Jones of Dallas

H.R. No. 1224

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Pleasant Grove Weed and Seed Program is a  
2 resident-driven, federal and local partnership for coordinated law  
3 enforcement and neighborhood reinvestment; and

4 WHEREAS, The Southeast Dallas program endeavors to "weed out"  
5 local criminals while "seeding" the community with positive  
6 resources through a four-point strategy, including law enforcement  
7 and the prosecution of wrong-doers, community law enforcement  
8 problem-solving, prevention, intervention, and treatment  
9 opportunities, and neighborhood restoration; and

10 WHEREAS, A collaboration of neighborhood residents and local  
11 and federal agencies, including representatives from Dallas police  
12 and schools, the FBI, ATF, DEA, and U.S. attorney's office,  
13 Pleasant Grove Weed and Seed focuses on the area east of Hatcher on  
14 175 to Masters and north to I30 and Masters; and

15 WHEREAS, This ambitious partnership is led by site  
16 coordinator Hellen Louise Johnson, who is an LVN with a bachelor's  
17 degree in sociology and further studies in psychology and  
18 behavioral modification and is employed with Out But Not Free,  
19 Inc.; the program includes tutoring and mentoring, GED and ESL  
20 classes, and drug treatment and gang prevention initiatives; it  
21 also sponsors cleanup activities to encourage new businesses to  
22 locate in the area and the rehabilitation of vacant and dilapidated  
23 houses so that the houses are sellable; and

24 WHEREAS, The Pleasant Grove Weed and Seed Program

1 incorporates the time, talents, and determination of numerous  
2 individuals who are making outstanding contributions to their  
3 community, and it is a pleasure to honor this notable endeavor; now,  
4 therefore, be it

5         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby commend Hellen Louise Johnson and all those  
7 involved with the Pleasant Grove Weed and Seed Program and extend to  
8 them best wishes for success in the years to come; and, be it  
9 further

10         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for the Pleasant Grove Weed and Seed Program as an  
12 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.