

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center at Prairie View A&M University on the fifth anniversary of its founding; and

WHEREAS, The 75th Legislature of the State of Texas created the center through the enactment of House Bill 1550 on June 19, 1997; the center was mandated to address and prevent juvenile crime and delinquency through research, educational and information programs, and state and national level partnerships; and

WHEREAS, In carrying out this responsibility, the center has published 60 journal articles, as well as books, government reports, and other publications; it has created more than 30 ongoing research projects and 60 presentations relating to juvenile crime and delinquency prevention; and

WHEREAS, To meet its educational mission at Prairie View A&M University, the center has established a doctoral degree program in juvenile justice and master's degree programs in juvenile justice and in juvenile forensic psychology; in addition, the center has created an undergraduate specialization in juvenile justice and a certification program for aspiring juvenile probation officers; the center has also instituted in-service training for individuals working in the field of juvenile justice; and

WHEREAS, Carrying out its responsibility to serve as a state and national resource for information on juvenile crime, the center has instituted an Internet clearinghouse for sharing national data on juvenile issues, and it has provided the public with information by distributing presentations, brochures, and newsletters throughout Texas and the nation; and

WHEREAS, Fulfilling its mandate to enter into cooperative agreements with communities, government agencies, and private groups, the center has engaged in 33 partnerships and collaborative activities designed to reduce juvenile crime and delinquency in Texas; moreover, as a result of House Bill 1118, the center has designed a comprehensive study of overrepresentation of minority youths, female offending, and sex offending in the state; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception in 1998, the Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center has fulfilled its mandated responsibilities and established a reputation as a highly successful enterprise; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend the Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center at Prairie View A&M University on its many

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accomplishments and extend best wishes to all associated with the center for continued success in the years ahead; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 15, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate