

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 225

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Communities In Schools of Texas, an exemplary dropout prevention program, for its outstanding achievements in keeping youths in school and preparing them for life; and

WHEREAS, Communities In Schools, through partnerships with local school districts, businesses, and the community, provides services for students in kindergarten through the 12th grade in 26 areas across the state; the organization serves over 330,000 students and provides intensive case management services to over 64,000 students who are at risk of dropping out of school; and

WHEREAS, Texas youths face a multitude of challenges to staying in school; Communities In Schools addresses these challenges and gives students the opportunity to focus on learning; without an education, the lives of young people become even more difficult and ultimately cost the state billions of dollars; we are proud to have Communities In Schools as the state's, and the nation's, leading program combating the dropout problem; and

WHEREAS, Dropout prevention is not just a school problem--it is a community responsibility; ensuring the education of all young Texans is critical for a competent workforce, a stable economy, fewer prisons, and a competitive edge; it is important for the citizens of our state to assist Communities In Schools in helping our children to succeed in school and prepare for life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to Communities In Schools of Texas for its excellent work and declare March 5, 2003, as Communities In Schools Day at the Capitol and March, 2003, Communities In Schools Month; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Communities In Schools of Texas as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Barrientos

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 24, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate