

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 314

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to welcome members of the Parent Association for the Retarded of Texas, Incorporated, who are visiting the State Capitol on this day; and

WHEREAS, This association is composed of parents, guardians, relatives, and friends of persons with mental retardation; its members are dedicated to preserving, improving, and expanding services to assure uniform standards of care and treatment for the mentally retarded in the Lone Star State; and

WHEREAS, Guided by a humanitarian philosophy, the Parent Association for the Retarded of Texas advocates continued operation and improvements in the state schools and state centers for the mentally retarded; through gathering and distributing vital information, it attempts to increase public understanding of all issues affecting persons with mental retardation; and

WHEREAS, In cooperation with the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and other government agencies, the organization strives to improve the system of care in Texas and to promote research that may potentially lead to the prevention of mental retardation; and

WHEREAS, The Parent Association for the Retarded of Texas, Incorporated, supports the Volunteer Services Councils, whose members have provided countless hours of work and financial assistance; the association also works for improvements in wages, benefits, and recognition of the staffs of state schools

and state centers in an effort to continue to attract the most qualified candidates to work in this field; and

WHEREAS, The association's endeavors to improve the quality of care and services available to the mentally retarded in Texas are truly commendable, and it is fitting that its work be acknowledged on this special day; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby declare March 11, 2003, Parent Association for the Retarded of Texas Day at the State Capitol and welcome its visiting delegation; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the organization 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 March 11, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate