

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 521

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the parent educators with the Parents as Teachers program who traveled to the State Capitol to meet with legislators on March 4, 2003, as part of their annual conference; and

WHEREAS, The award-winning program is a home and school partnership designed to give children the best possible start in life; the program supports parents in their roles as their child's first and most influential teacher; and

WHEREAS, First established in Texas in 1987 by the Mental Health Association of Texas, the Parents as Teachers program includes home visits, group meetings, developmental screening, and community resources information; and

WHEREAS, Some of the program sites provide child care, vocational education and job training, transportation, tutoring, counseling, gang intervention, field trips, training in English as a Second Language, and General Educational Development classes; and

WHEREAS, Serving a full range of families from diverse ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds, Parents as Teachers has grown to include programs in all 50 states and 11 countries, with over 100 sites in Texas serving approximately 10,000 families; and

WHEREAS, Education is a priority in Texas, and the Parents as Teachers program is an excellent example of providing effective training and services for student success; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend members of the Parents as Teachers program and applaud their commitment and contributions to the education of their children; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared 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 April 7, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate