

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 661

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Tarrant County Child Protective Services Board on the occasion of its 25th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, The Tarrant County Child Protective Services Board is one of more than 200 local child protective services boards across the state that are associated with the Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards; these boards are appointed by the county commissioners courts and strive to ensure the provision of support services to vulnerable children and their families and to promote the prevention of child abuse; and

WHEREAS, The state's child protective laws were first instituted in 1848, when a bill was enacted to provide an apprenticeship for protecting impoverished children under the age of 14; in 1907, the concept of court guardianship for dependent and neglected children was legislated, and in 1931, Texas enacted a law that created the Division of Child Welfare Services and allowed county commissioners courts to appoint boards to coordinate community services for the protection of children; in 1977, the Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards was created; and

WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect affects every Texan, and the Tarrant County Child Protective Services Board has demonstrated dedication to its mission to ensure that children live in a loving, nurturing, and safe environment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend the Tarrant County Child Protective Services Board for its invaluable work on behalf of the children of our state; and, be it further

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

Nelson

President of the Senate

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

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate