

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 987

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards on the occasion of its 25th anniversary; and

**WHEREAS**, There are 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 1978, the Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards was created; and

**WHEREAS**, Child abuse and neglect affects every Texan, and the Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards 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 Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards 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 this organization and the local boards as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Nelson

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 27, 2003.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate