

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize The Jason Foundation, Incorporated, for the outstanding work it does in the cause of suicide prevention among young people; and

**WHEREAS**, Suicide has become the "Silent Epidemic" that is claiming the lives of thousands of young people every year; it is the third leading cause of death for young people ages 15 through 24 and is the second leading cause of death among college-age students; and

**WHEREAS**, According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's 2003 Youth Risk Behavioral Survey, one in every 10 youths in Texas stated that they had made a suicide attempt; and

**WHEREAS**, Suicide is a complex, multifaceted, biological, sociological, psychological, and societal problem; many suicides are preventable, and there is an urgent need for the development of more effective suicide prevention programs; four out of five young people who attempt suicide give clear warning signs beforehand; and

**WHEREAS**, The mission of The Jason Foundation, Incorporated, is to provide information, tools, and resources to students, educators, youth workers, and parents that will enable them to better detect at-risk behavior and guide them to local prevention services; and

**WHEREAS**, This outstanding organization is opening an office in Austin at The Oaks Treatment Center and is offering its educational programs and seminars focused on awareness and prevention of youth suicide in coordination with its national clinical affiliate, Psychiatric Solutions, Incorporated; and

**WHEREAS**, A reception welcoming this dedicated group of professionals to Austin is being held at the Four Seasons Hotel on July 27, 2005; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby commend The Jason Foundation, Incorporated, for its invaluable work in the field of youth suicide prevention; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for this 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 July 25, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate