

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A delegation from the Ministry of Justice of the  
2 Republic of Poland came to Texas in May 2005 to examine various  
3 aspects of the state's criminal justice system; and

4           WHEREAS, In response to an invitation by the Correctional  
5 Management Institute of Texas at Sam Houston State University,  
6 Polish judges and probation officials visited several sites to  
7 observe the state's probation practices and court procedures; and

8           WHEREAS, Subsequently, on September 30, 2005, in Pila,  
9 Poland, the Texas Probation Association and the Probation Officer's  
10 Association of Wielkopolska, Poland, entered into a mutual  
11 cooperative agreement; the Judicial Advisory Council to the Texas  
12 Board of Criminal Justice endorsed this partnership on October 21,  
13 2005, in a resolution that also encouraged the formation of similar  
14 agreements with other countries; the council offered its support to  
15 the Polish judiciary in its development of a comprehensive,  
16 efficient, and effective probation system; and

17           WHEREAS, It is of great benefit to the State of Texas for  
18 probation officials in this state to engage with probation  
19 officials in Poland to exchange information about working methods  
20 and professional training while promoting, sharing, and supporting  
21 experiences on all initiatives related to the probation profession;  
22 moreover, the development of a dialogue and contacts between the  
23 judiciaries of Texas and Poland benefits the state by promoting a  
24 better understanding of the criminal justice system in both places

1 that may lead to improvements in their probation services and other  
2 facets of the criminal justice system; now, therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
4 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby endorse and support the  
5 cooperative agreement between the State of Texas and the Republic  
6 of Poland, congratulate each organization for its professional  
7 efforts, and encourage the development of similar agreements with  
8 other countries; and, be it further

9       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Poland and  
11 the Probation Officer's Association of Wielkopolska as an  
12 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

Madden

H.R. No. 39

---

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 39 was adopted by the House on April 27, 2006, by a non-record vote.

---

Chief Clerk of the House