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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.