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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Months of hard work and dedication are being
2 rewarded on January 31, 2005, as members of Project CRAFT's
3 graduating class receive their diplomas; and

4 WHEREAS, Since its inception, Project CRAFT (Community,
5 Reintegration, Apprenticeship-Focused Training) has provided youth
6 in Dallas County with invaluable life and vocational skills that
7 will help its participants prepare for careers in the home-building
8 industry; and

9 WHEREAS, This important program is made possible by SER-Jobs
10 for Progress National, Inc., through a Youth Services grant endowed
11 by WorkSource for Dallas County in partnership with Dallas County
12 Youth Village, the Transition Resource Action Center, and Home
13 Builders Institute, the education and training branch of the
14 National Association of Home Builders; and

15 WHEREAS, Throughout the six-month program offered twice a
16 year, participants gain first-rate training in the construction
17 trades, which culminates with both pre-apprenticeship
18 certifications and job placement within the home-building
19 industry; moreover, Project CRAFT students have access to an
20 on-site GED or diploma program and workplace literacy and math
21 classes; and

22 WHEREAS, Project CRAFT not only benefits its enrolled youth
23 but the community as well; two service projects are slated during
24 each term, allowing students to give back to Dallas County while

1 practicing their skills; and

2 WHEREAS, Lauded by the U.S. Department of Labor and both
3 houses of Congress, Project CRAFT has played a vital role in the
4 lives of countless young Texans, and it is indeed a pleasure to
5 recognize both the program and the current graduating class; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
8 Legislature hereby congratulate the 2005 graduates of Project CRAFT
9 and commend the organization on its service in behalf of Texas
10 youth; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for Project CRAFT as an expression of high regard by the
13 Texas House of Representatives.