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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For more than three decades, the members of the  
2 Texas Probation Association have provided leadership through  
3 training, networking opportunities, and advocacy for probation  
4 professionals throughout the Lone Star State; and

5           WHEREAS, Established in 1974, the organization represents  
6 professionals in the nearly 300 adult and juvenile probation  
7 departments across the state who are responsible for enforcing  
8 court orders, collecting fees, providing offender treatment and  
9 counseling referrals, and collecting restitution for victims; and

10          WHEREAS, The Texas Probation Association and its membership  
11 strive to enhance public safety as their primary role while  
12 maintaining efficiency for Texas taxpayers; and

13          WHEREAS, The probation system is the most cost-effective  
14 alternative to long-term incarceration, providing the courts with  
15 additional resources designed to reduce recidivism and provide  
16 treatment for the offender; and

17          WHEREAS, The Texas Probation Association provides these  
18 individuals with a unified voice, empowering them to express their  
19 concerns, make public their successes, and articulate their vision  
20 for the future; and

21          WHEREAS, The men and women of the Texas Probation Association  
22 are dedicated to improving the state's criminal and juvenile  
23 justice systems, and their efforts in this regard are helping to  
24 build a brighter and more promising future for all Texans; now,

1 therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
3 Legislature hereby recognize February 8, 2005, as Texas Probation  
4 Association Day at the Capitol and extend to the members of that  
5 organization sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

6           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
7 prepared for the Texas Probation Association as an expression of  
8 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.