

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The future of Texas depends largely on its children,
2 for the challenges of tomorrow will be met by the youth of today;
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4 WHEREAS, Texans Care For Children is a nonpartisan, nonprofit
5 network of individuals and organizations that advocates for the
6 care and protection of children and youth in the Lone Star State;
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8 WHEREAS, The organization evolved from a small network of
9 affiliates originally known as the CARE Coalition, which was
10 founded in 1985 when the current board chair, Phil Strickland, was
11 asked to create a clearinghouse that would collect and coordinate
12 the vast amounts of information about issues relevant to the
13 children of Texas as well as to advocate for them; and

14 WHEREAS, For many years, the CARE Coalition provided an
15 effective forum for sharing ideas and information relating to the
16 mental, physical, social, and economic needs of children; with
17 growing interest from organizations across the state and a number
18 of notable successes in furthering its cause, the coalition
19 incorporated in 1996 as Texans Care For Children; and

20 WHEREAS, Texans Care is currently the only multi-issue
21 advocacy organization working toward improving the lives of
22 children across the state; its Coalition Council of member
23 organizations and individuals empowers Texans Care to mobilize
24 broad communities of influence to find common solutions to the

1 challenges facing our youth; and

2 WHEREAS, The dedication of a special day to discuss critical
3 issues affecting young Texans and to strengthen and renew our
4 shared commitment to securing and ensuring the happiness and
5 well-being of the children of this state is indeed a worthwhile
6 endeavor; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
8 Legislature hereby recognize February 16, 2005, as Children's
9 Advocacy Day and commend Texans Care For Children for its
10 significant contributions to the young people of Texas; and, be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Texans Care For Children as an expression of high
14 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 313

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 313 was adopted by the House on
February 15, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House