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H.R. No. 420

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Parents as Teachers is an award-winning early
2 childhood parent education program that was first brought to Texas
3 in 1987 by the Mental Health Association in Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, The Mental Health Association in Texas continues to
5 provide training, certification, and technical assistance to all
6 Texas Parents as Teachers programs; and

7 WHEREAS, The program has grown to include more than 100 sites
8 throughout the state, supporting approximately 10,000 Texas
9 families in their roles as their child's first and most influential
10 teachers; and

11 WHEREAS, Research shows that children involved in the Parents
12 as Teachers program are significantly advanced over their peers in
13 language, problem solving, and social development, and that their
14 scores on standardized measures of math and reading are
15 significantly higher at the end of the first grade than the scores
16 of comparison groups; and

17 WHEREAS, This program uses the *Born to Learn* curriculum,
18 developed by Parents as Teachers staff and a team of leading
19 neurologists to integrate neuroscience and child development to
20 help parents capture windows of opportunity in their child's early
21 physical, social and emotional, cognitive, and language
22 development; and

23 WHEREAS, Educational success is a high priority in Texas, and
24 the Parents as Teachers program lays the foundation for success in

1 school and for reducing the chance of developmental delays that
2 interfere with learning; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
4 Legislature hereby welcome the parent educators who are visiting
5 the State Capitol on March 1, 2005, and applaud all those associated
6 with the Parents as Teachers program for their commitment and
7 contributions to the education and well-being of their children;
8 and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for the Parents as Teachers program as an expression of
11 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.