

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, February 23, 2005, is Children's Advocacy Centers of
2 Texas Day at the Capitol, and it is appropriate to take this
3 opportunity to recognize the work of this fine organization; and

4 WHEREAS, Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas, Incorporated,
5 (CACTX) was founded with a charter membership of 13 local advocacy
6 centers and has grown to include 59 local centers throughout the
7 state, which makes it the largest organization of its kind in the
8 nation; and

9 WHEREAS, The local advocacy centers work to restore normalcy
10 in the lives of abused children and create partnerships with
11 communities and agencies to foster the investigation and
12 prosecution of child abuse cases; and

13 WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect continue to occur with
14 devastating consequences; studies indicate that abused and
15 neglected children are more likely to be arrested for a juvenile
16 crime and more likely to be arrested as an adult; and

17 WHEREAS, CACTX utilizes four diverse disciplines, law
18 enforcement, criminal justice, social work, and medical and mental
19 health, to create a collaborative model to address the issue of
20 child abuse; this collaboration results in prompt, efficient, and
21 comprehensive sharing of information and evidence and diminishes
22 the often traumatic investigative process; and

23 WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect remain pressing issues that
24 should concern all the citizens of the state; local advocacy

1 centers offer abused children a safe haven with accessible
2 information and therapeutic services to engender healing; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
5 Legislature hereby commend Children's Advocacy Centers,
6 Incorporated, for its contributions to communities across the state
7 and honor its worthy achievements on Children's Advocacy Centers of
8 Texas Day; and, be it further

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

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Allen of Harris	Giddings	Merritt
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Berman	Guillen	Nixon
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Bohac	Hamilton	Oliveira
Bonnen	Hamric	Olivo
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Brown of Kaufman	Harper-Brown	Otto
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Burnam	Hegar	Pena
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Campbell	Hilderbran	Pickett
Casteel	Hill	Pitts
Castro	Hochberg	Puente
Chavez	Hodge	Quintanilla
Chisum	Homer	Raymond
Coleman	Hope	Reyna
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Riddle
Cook of Colorado	Howard	Ritter
Corte	Hughes	Rodriguez
Crabb	Hunter	Rose
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Dutton	Kolkhorst	Taylor
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Eissler	Laney	Turner
Elkins	Laubenberg	Uresti
Escobar	Leibowitz	Van Arsdale
Farabee	Luna	Veasey
Farrar	Madden	Villarreal
Flores	Martinez	Vo
Flynn	Martinez Fischer	West
Frost	McCall	Wong
Gallego	McClendon	Woolley
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H.R. No. 475

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 475 was adopted by the House on
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Chief Clerk of the House