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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.