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H.R. No. 584

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to
2 recognize Communities In Schools of Texas, an exemplary dropout
3 prevention program, for its outstanding achievement in helping kids
4 stay in school and prepare for life; and

5 WHEREAS, Communities In Schools, through partnerships with
6 local school districts, businesses, and the community, provides
7 services for students in kindergarten through the 12th grade in 26
8 areas across the state; the organization serves more than 418,000
9 students and provides intensive case management services to over
10 68,000 students who are at risk of dropping out of school; and

11 WHEREAS, Texas youth face a multitude of challenges to
12 staying in school; Communities In Schools addresses these
13 challenges and gives students the opportunity to focus on learning;
14 without an education, the lives of young people become even more
15 difficult and ultimately cost the state billions of dollars; we are
16 proud to have Communities In Schools as the state's and the nation's
17 leading program combating the dropout problem; and

18 WHEREAS, Dropout prevention is not just a school problem--it
19 is a community responsibility; ensuring the education of all young
20 Texans is critical for a competent workforce, a stable economy,
21 fewer prisons, and a competitive edge; it is important for the
22 citizens of our state to assist Communities In Schools in helping
23 our children to succeed in school and prepare for life; now,
24 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
2 Legislature hereby pay tribute to Communities In Schools of Texas
3 for its excellent work and recognize March 9, 2005, as Communities
4 In Schools Day at the Capitol and March 2005 as Communities In
5 Schools Month; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for Communities In Schools of Texas as an expression of
8 esteem by the Texas House of Representatives.