

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of an admirable volunteer organization, the
2 Parent Association for the Retarded of Texas, are visiting the
3 State Capitol on March 8, 2005; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded in 1974, PART is composed of families,
5 guardians, and friends of people with mental retardation; PART
6 employs no paid staff: its members work individually and
7 collectively to promote the best possible care for the mentally
8 retarded; and

9 WHEREAS, Many individuals with mental retardation are
10 profoundly or severely retarded and may also have behavior
11 problems, multiple handicaps, and/or fragile health; for these
12 vulnerable citizens, a protected environment, specially trained
13 staff, and specialized programs are essential to providing the
14 highest possible quality of life; and

15 WHEREAS, Those involved in PART seek to inform themselves and
16 others of all state and national matters that affect the welfare of
17 Texans with mental retardation; they strive to ensure that a full
18 range of services and a full continuum of living arrangements are
19 available, and they endeavor to make certain that the parent or
20 guardian's right of placement choice for their mentally retarded
21 family member is respected and honored; and

22 WHEREAS, For more than 30 years, members of PART have
23 staunchly supported treatment policies and procedures that
24 recognize the unique needs of each mentally retarded individual,

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1 and their efforts have played a vital role in promoting awareness
2 and understanding of the exceptional challenges faced by those with
3 mental retardation; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
5 Legislature hereby welcome members of the Parent Association for
6 the Retarded of Texas to the State Capitol and extend to all those
7 associated with PART sincere appreciation for their tremendous
8 dedication to the welfare of the state's mentally retarded
9 citizens.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 705 was adopted by the House on March 31, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House