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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, John and Debbie Phillips, founders of Life Choices,

have devoted themselves both to advocating the importance of

education and to sponsoring anti-violence initiatives in our

4 nation's high schools; and

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5 WHEREAS, Troubling incidences of deadly violence on school

campuses in recent years and the prevalence of substance abuse and

teenage suicide among students all raise serious concerns about the

emotional and psychological well-being of our children, even as we

worry about their very physical safety; and

10 WHEREAS, Life Choices, a motivational, multimedia event,

employs videos, sketches, and individual stories to promote a

brighter future for all of America's youth by deterring destructive

decisions; since its inception in 1996, the program has been

presented more than 300 times to 250,000 students in 23 states and

received recognition from numerous community leaders, police

officials, and congressmen; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Phillips share their own personal

triumphs over serious problems to deliver a message of hope to teens

19 throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, The campaign of John and Debbie Phillips to promote

21 healthy alternatives and encourage students is indeed a significant

22 undertaking that will most certainly have a lasting impact, and

23 their important efforts in behalf of young people are truly

24 commendable; now, therefore, be it

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- 1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
- 2 Legislature commend John and Debbie Phillips of the Life Choices
- 3 program for their noteworthy efforts in behalf of America's youth;
- 4 and, be it further
- 5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 6 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Phillips as an expression of high regard
- 7 by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 721 was adopted by the House on March 31, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House