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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards (TCCWB)
2 provides support to a statewide network of concerned citizens who
3 are endeavoring to address the needs of children in their
4 communities, especially those who are abused and neglected; and

5 WHEREAS, Child welfare boards originated in 1931, when the
6 Texas Legislature authorized county commissioners courts to
7 appoint boards that would coordinate local protective services for
8 children; at the same time, the legislature created the Division of
9 Child Welfare Services (DCWS), originally part of the State Board
10 of Control; DCWS has become Child Protective Services, one of four
11 major programs within the Department of Family and Protective
12 Services; and

13 WHEREAS, Before 1939, when the state assumed responsibility
14 for the protection of children with the establishment of the State
15 Department of Public Welfare, the county child welfare boards often
16 furnished services to families and children themselves, with
17 guidance from the DCWS staff; today one of the responsibilities of
18 these boards is to oversee county expenditures for child welfare
19 services; and

20 WHEREAS, In 1976, regional child welfare advisory councils
21 began to be established, bringing together representatives of
22 county boards, and in 1978 the TCCWB was created; today the state
23 council is composed of members representing 11 regional councils,
24 which in turn represent 212 county child welfare boards; and

1 WHEREAS, Members of the TCCWB collaborate with the staffs of
2 Child Protective Services and other agencies and organizations to
3 promote services to abused and neglected children and to prevent
4 the occurrence of abusive treatment; the scale of the challenge
5 facing the TCCWB and allied groups is suggested by the estimate that
6 8.5 percent of Texas children are at risk for some sort of abuse or
7 neglect; and

8 WHEREAS, The TCCWB is committed to creating a society in
9 which all children know the security of a loving, nurturing, and
10 safe environment, and its work has ramifications that touch all
11 Texans; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
13 Legislature hereby welcome representatives of the Texas Council of
14 Child Welfare Boards to the State Capitol and commend all those
15 associated with that organization for their continuing dedication
16 to protecting the children of the Lone Star State.