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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week is being observed from April  
2 17 to 23, 2005, and this annual occurrence provides a fitting  
3 opportunity to recognize the volunteers of the Waco Center for  
4 Youth who have given generously of their time and talents to benefit  
5 the residents of the center; and

6           WHEREAS, Established in 1979 as the Texas Department of  
7 Mental Health and Mental Retardation's first residential  
8 psychiatric treatment facility for emotionally disturbed children  
9 and adolescents, the Waco Center for Youth affirms that each young  
10 Texan deserves a chance for change; the center strives to provide  
11 long-term treatment of the highest caliber that will give  
12 individuals the skills necessary to become productive members of  
13 society; and

14           WHEREAS, Much of the center's success depends on its  
15 volunteer workforce; each year, more than 300 dedicated men and  
16 women and nearly 50 volunteer organizations freely offer their  
17 services to the center; and

18           WHEREAS, By supporting the important work of the Waco Center  
19 for Youth, each of the volunteers has not only demonstrated a deep  
20 commitment to the community but also has helped to ensure that the  
21 center's residents acquire opportunities they need to bring about  
22 positive change in their lives; now, therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby honor the volunteers of the Waco Center for

1 Youth and commend them for their exceptional service; and, be it  
2 further

3           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
4 prepared for the center's volunteers as an expression of high  
5 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.