

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A team of seven dedicated men of faith from the  
2 Canton area will be leaving on June 21 to travel to Swaziland in  
3 Southern Africa for a 15-day mission trip; and

4           WHEREAS, Combating the spread of AIDS is the focus of the  
5 humanitarian expedition being undertaken by Dr. Ben Bratcher,  
6 Truman Oakley, Pat May, Monte Clearman, Craig Ham, Matthew Daniel,  
7 and Cary Chastain; their destination, Swaziland, has the highest  
8 AIDS rate per capita of any country in the world; and

9           WHEREAS, These selfless Texans will work with a local  
10 missionary, Wayne Myers, and his wife, Barbara, to share the gospel  
11 with local youth and to encourage them to look to the Bible as a  
12 guide to life that will help to protect them from contracting HIV  
13 and AIDS; moreover, they will visit classrooms to share their  
14 expertise in the various fields in which they work and sponsor  
15 retreats, rallies, and sports clinics geared to connect with young  
16 men and women on their level to begin a dialogue that could forever  
17 change their lives for the better; and

18           WHEREAS, Members of the Canton group indeed merit special  
19 recognition for devoting their time, energy, and resources to this  
20 worthwhile endeavor, hoping to give countless young people a  
21 brighter future; now, therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
23 Legislature hereby honor Dr. Ben Bratcher, Truman Oakley, Pat May,  
24 Monte Clearman, Craig Ham, Matthew Daniel, and Cary Chastain on

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1 their efforts to prevent the spread of AIDS in Swaziland and extend  
2 to them heartfelt best wishes for a successful and memorable  
3 mission trip; and, be it further

4       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for each of these men as an expression of high regard by  
6 the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1518 was adopted by the House on May 20, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House