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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Texas Association of Addiction Professionals is  
2           awarding its first John Austin Pena Scholarship at the  
3           organization's 31st Annual Conference on July 8, 2005; and

4           WHEREAS, This scholarship is named for John Austin Pena, the  
5           beloved son of our esteemed colleague, Representative Aaron Pena;  
6           John Pena died on May 18, 2001, at the age of 16, and the tragic loss  
7           of this fine young man inspired his father to dedicate himself, both  
8           in his personal life and in his role as a state representative, to  
9           serve as an advocate for better drug addiction services and crime  
10          victims' rights; and

11          WHEREAS, The John Austin Pena Scholarship, which was  
12          conceived at TAAP's 2004 conference, will provide financial  
13          assistance to a member of the Texas Teens Program who is pursuing a  
14          college degree; TAAP is composed of counselors, prevention  
15          specialists, and other individuals who are dedicated to aiding  
16          victims of alcoholism, drug abuse, and other forms of addiction in  
17          their recovery and providing support to their families; with 13  
18          chapters across the state, TAAP holds as its mission the unity and  
19          advancement of addiction professionals and a heightened awareness  
20          of the devastating effects the disease of substance abuse has on  
21          individuals and their families; and

22          WHEREAS, The fourth anniversary of the death of John Pena  
23          provides a sad, yet fitting time to recognize TAAP for establishing  
24          this noteworthy scholarship in this dearly loved young Texan's

1 memory; now, therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
3 Legislature hereby commend the Texas Association of Addiction  
4 Professionals for its important work and recognize the recipient of  
5 that organization's first John Austin Pena Scholarship; and, be it  
6 further

7           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
8 prepared for the association and the award's inaugural recipient as  
9 an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.