

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 61

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Project CRAFT (Community, Reintegration, Apprenticeship-Focused Training) in Dallas on the occasion of its graduation ceremony being held on January 31, 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, Project CRAFT is a six-month initiative that provides young offenders living in the Dallas County Youth Village with vocational training in construction trades that can lead to jobs in the home building industry; and

**WHEREAS**, The program is through a grant from WorkSource for Dallas County in partnership with the Home Builders Institute, the Dallas County Youth Village, and The Transition Resource Action Center; and

**WHEREAS**, This year, 32 residents of Youth Village renovated their own vocational building and classrooms, where they installed carpet, painted, and built workbenches and tables; the class also completed two community service projects at local churches and homes; life skills and math and literacy training, a general equivalency diploma (GED) program, and job placement assistance are offered; and

**WHEREAS**, Project CRAFT offers valuable vocational training to its participants, and it has been recognized as a model intervention program for rehabilitation and reduced recidivism for juvenile offenders; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend Project CRAFT students on the occasion of their graduation in Dallas and extend congratulations and best wishes to the young graduates; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 27, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate