

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 319

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize March 8, 2005, as Parent Association for the Retarded of Texas Day at the State Capitol; and

**WHEREAS**, Comprised of parents, relatives, and friends of those among us with mental retardation, the Parent Association for the Retarded of Texas, Incorporated, is dedicated to improving and expanding services to assure uniform standards of care and treatment for the mentally retarded in Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, A strong and effective advocate for improvements in the operation of state schools and state centers for the mentally retarded, this organization strives to increase public understanding of issues affecting persons with mental retardation and to promote research that may someday lead to the prevention of mental retardation; and

**WHEREAS**, The association supports increases in the wages and benefits of the staffs of state schools and state centers so that they may attract and keep the most qualified candidates to work in the field of mental retardation; it also supports the Volunteer Services Councils and appreciates the countless hours of work and financial assistance provided by their members; and

**WHEREAS**, The association's efforts to improve and expand the care and services available to the mentally retarded in Texas are truly praiseworthy, and its members deserve recognition for their hard work and many accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend the members of the Parent Association for the Retarded of Texas, Incorporated, and extend best wishes to them on this special day at the State Capitol; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the association as an expression of esteem 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 March 8, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate