

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 320

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Communities In Schools of Texas, an exemplary dropout prevention program, for its outstanding achievements in helping students to stay in school and prepare for life; and

WHEREAS, Communities In Schools of Texas, through partnerships with local school districts, businesses, and the community, provides services for students in kindergarten through the 12th grade in 26 areas across the state; the organization serves over 418,000 students and provides intensive case management services to over 68,000 students who are at risk of dropping out of school; and

WHEREAS, Texas youths face a multitude of challenges to staying in school; Communities In Schools of Texas addresses these challenges and gives students the opportunity to focus on learning; without an education, the lives of young people become even more difficult and ultimately cost the state billions of dollars; we are proud to have Communities In Schools of Texas as the state's leading program in combating the dropout problem; and

WHEREAS, Dropout prevention is not just a school problem--it is a community responsibility; ensuring the education of all young Texans is critical to having a competent workforce, a stable economy, and less crime; it is important for the citizens of our state to assist Communities In Schools of Texas in its efforts to help our children to succeed in school and prepare for life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to Communities In Schools of Texas for its excellent work and declare March 9, 2005, Communities In Schools Day at the Capitol and March of 2005, Communities In Schools Month; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Communities In Schools of Texas as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Barrientos

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 8, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate