

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 363

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the members of the Dr. Emmett J. Conrad Student Advisory Committee on the occasion of their visit to the State Capitol on Monday, March 14, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Sponsored by Senator Royce West, the Student Advisory Committee includes young people from the Dallas, Cedar Hill, Mesquite, Duncanville, Lancaster, DeSoto, and Wilmer-Hutchins school districts; the committee is comprised of junior high school and high school students who are leaders of student council and student class governments; and

WHEREAS, The Student Advisory Committee was established in the spring of 1996 for the purpose of helping students to build leadership skills and to meet with leaders across the state; it was also established with the goal of helping students discover how they can participate in community volunteerism and the means through which they can voice their perspective on legislative issues; and

WHEREAS, Over the last nine years, the Student Advisory Committee has accomplished a great deal in the Dallas community; the students have visited nursing homes throughout the district and have worked hard on behalf of the Children's Hope Foundation, collecting hundreds of clothing items for homeless children; and

WHEREAS, They have participated in toy, blanket, and voter registration drives and have provided testimony at the Senate Interim Committee on Juvenile Justice and Gangs hearings in Dallas; and

WHEREAS, The students have toured the Dallas Life Foundation, a homeless shelter, and the Family Gateway, a shelter that provides emergency and transitional housing for homeless families; they have volunteered at the Bluit-Flowers Halloween Carnival, have held annual receptions for elected officials, and have donated blankets and pillows to Promise House; and

WHEREAS, In December of 2004, committee members donated 2,750 canned goods to the North Texas Food Bank and 62 clothing items to the Bethlehem Foundation as part of the Student Advisory Committee Canned Goods/Clothing Drive; and

WHEREAS, The Student Advisory Committee is a valuable asset to District 23, and the work of its members is encouraging and fostering volunteerism in the community and setting exemplary standards for people of all ages to follow; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend the members of the Dr. Emmett J. Conrad Student Advisory Committee on their

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dedication and their many accomplishments and extend to them best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

West

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 14, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate