

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 846

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize North Texas Student Voices, a program that encourages young people to become better informed about local issues and to actively participate in civic life and the political process; and

WHEREAS, North Texas Student Voices is a partnership between the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania and KERA Unlimited; through the program, local high school government teachers receive training to implement the Student Voices curriculum and become KERA master teachers; and

WHEREAS, Under the guidance of the specially trained teachers, students learn to identify, research, and analyze issues confronting their communities and learn methods to make their voices heard in the democratic process; and

WHEREAS, Through forums and classroom visits, students have the opportunity to voice their concerns to community leaders, candidates, and public officials; and

WHEREAS, The students have a Student Voices Web site where they can identify and locate their elected officials and exchange ideas with their peers in discussion forums; they also participate in mock elections, voter registration drives, ballot box training, civics fairs, and other events to prepare them for the responsibilities that accompany citizenship; and

WHEREAS, High school students currently participating in the North Texas Student Voices program are Paige Campbell, Aaron Vera, Jarvis Bonner, and Wendy Knaupe; they are exemplary young people who will surely have a significant voice in the future of North Texas and this state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend the young people participating in the North Texas Student Voices project and express gratitude to the sponsors of this remarkable program; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of North Texas Student Voices as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Shapiro

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 10, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate