

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Faithful Fathering Initiative in Texas works to
2 encourage, equip, and support men in becoming caring and involved
3 fathers and to challenge fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, and
4 all father figures to grow in their roles as responsible parents;
5 the organization also directs its efforts toward sensitizing
6 families across Texas to the impact a father has on his children;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, To that end, this admirable organization is
9 partnering with Chick-Fil-A, Pearland, to sponsor a contest for
10 Houston students in 1st through 12th grades to compose an essay
11 entitled, "What My Father Means to Me"; the 2006 Chick-Fil-A Dads
12 Becoming Heroes Essay Contest is designed to improve writing
13 skills, stimulate a child's thinking about his or her father and the
14 role he plays in the child's life, and raise awareness in our
15 communities of the importance of fathers; and

16 WHEREAS, The winners of this noteworthy contest were judged
17 within each school grade level and evaluated according to how well
18 they described the nature of their relationships with their
19 fathers, their use of specific details and stories that
20 demonstrated their fathers' character, the honesty, clarity, and
21 simplicity with which they expressed their thoughts, and their
22 overall writing skill; and

23 WHEREAS, Children thrive when they have a supportive and
24 fully engaged father, and as these remarkable essays show, the

1 importance of loving, committed relationships between fathers and
2 their sons and daughters cannot be overestimated; now, therefore,
3 be it

4 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
5 hereby congratulate the winners of the 2006 Chick-Fil-A Dads
6 Becoming Heroes Essay Contest and commend the Faithful Fathering
7 Initiative in Texas for its efforts in encouraging fathers in the
8 Lone Star State to become their children's nurturers, advocates,
9 and heroes; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for each winning contestant as an expression of high
12 regard by the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.

Taylor
Davis of Harris
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Talton

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 39 was adopted by the House on February 22, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 39 was adopted by the Senate on March 12, 2007, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor