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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas is pleased to
2 recognize the Texas Juvenile Probation System and declare April 24,
3 2007, as Texas Juvenile Probation Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, The State of Texas and county governments are
5 partners in providing one of the most progressive juvenile
6 probation systems in the nation; and

7 WHEREAS, Overseen by the Texas Juvenile Probation
8 Commission, the Texas Juvenile Probation System is comprised of 169
9 community-based probation departments which serve youth and
10 families in all 254 counties in the state; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1995 the Texas Legislature enacted reforms to
12 provide greater accountability for offenders and increase funding,
13 focusing on prevention and early intervention programs in an effort
14 to increase public safety; with enhanced resources, juvenile
15 probation system professionals are able to make a positive
16 difference in the lives of many Texas youths and their families;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, The juvenile probation departments handle 97
19 percent of the referrals of juveniles to the juvenile justice
20 system each year through the efforts of more than 7,100 certified
21 juvenile probation and detention officers; and

22 WHEREAS, These dedicated men and women are represented by the
23 Juvenile Justice Association of Texas, which promotes advocacy for
24 Texas children by providing quality juvenile services through

1 leadership, professional development, training, and education; and

2 WHEREAS, Those who enter the field of juvenile probation
3 accept a great responsibility to the youth and families of the Lone
4 Star State; they work tirelessly and courageously to rehabilitate
5 the lives of young people and maintain the security and safety of
6 our communities, and they are truly deserving of our gratitude;
7 now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
9 hereby commend the outstanding professionals of our juvenile
10 probation system for their vital contributions to the citizens of
11 Texas and extend sincere appreciation to them on Texas Juvenile
12 Probation Day at the State Capitol.