

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Founded in 1997, the Greater Austin Crime Commission
2 has contributed to the quality of life in Central Texas with
3 innovative and outstanding public safety programs such as the
4 Longhorn Leaders; and

5 WHEREAS, Developed by the commission and The University of
6 Texas School of Social Work, in cooperation with the UT Athletic
7 Department and the Austin Independent School District, the Longhorn
8 Leaders youth outreach program facilitates dialogue between
9 university athletes and seventh grade students; and

10 WHEREAS, Middle school youth are at a crucial developmental
11 point as they prepare to transition into later adolescence and
12 early adulthood, and at the same time, they face a variety of new
13 stressors, from stronger peer influences to greater access to drugs
14 and alcohol; positive reference groups, however, can go a long way
15 in counteracting potential negative forces, and university
16 athletes are especially effective role models because of their
17 visibility in college sports and their proximity in age to the
18 students; and

19 WHEREAS, During the course of a semester, Longhorn Leaders
20 give several personal presentations at each school, emphasizing the
21 importance of strong goals, academic excellence, and successful
22 life skills; moreover, they promote the values of teamwork,
23 discipline, and living drug-free; athletes receive course credit
24 for participating in the program, which, since fall 2003, has been

1 offered at seven middle schools and three elementary schools in
2 areas all over Austin; and

3 WHEREAS, Current and former Longhorn Leaders include
4 LaMarcus Aldridge, D. J. Augustin, Cedric Benson, Jamaal Charles,
5 Kevin Durant, Daniel Gibson, Cedric Griffin, Michael Griffin,
6 Damion James, Seth Johnson, Derek Lokey, Cory Redding, Terrence
7 Rencher, Sonya Richards, Aaron Ross, Kasey Studdard, Limas Sweed,
8 Roy Williams, and Vince Young, to name but a few; and

9 WHEREAS, Encouraging meaningful community interaction
10 between UT athletes, students, parents, teachers, and law
11 enforcement, the Longhorn Leaders program has benefited countless
12 participants, and the Greater Austin Crime Commission is truly
13 deserving of recognition for its exemplary efforts to support
14 public safety and youth development; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
16 hereby congratulate the Greater Austin Crime Commission on its 10th
17 anniversary and commend all those associated with it for their work
18 to develop and implement public safety programs such as the
19 Longhorn Leaders; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for the Greater Austin Crime Commission as an expression
22 of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.

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President of the Senate

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I certify that H.C.R. No. 190 was adopted by the House on April 16, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 190 was adopted by the Senate on April 16, 2007, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor