

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The bedrock of liberty is a free press, and Nate  
2 Blakeslee of the *Texas Observer* and Doug Swanson of *The Dallas*  
3 *Morning News* exemplify the finest characteristics of responsible,  
4 diligent journalism; and

5           WHEREAS, The *Texas Observer* and *The Dallas Morning News* broke  
6 the story that led to the complete transformation of the Texas Youth  
7 Commission; their revelations of abuses in the West Texas State  
8 School brought the entire Texas Legislature to its feet, and their  
9 continuous, in-depth reporting fueled the momentum needed to  
10 produce a comprehensive legislative reform package; and

11           WHEREAS, Democracy depends on open government, and it is said  
12 that the media act as the fourth branch of government; through their  
13 reporting, Mr. Blakeslee and Mr. Swanson have indeed contributed to  
14 an open and effective democratic process; now, therefore, be it

15           RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas  
16 hereby honor Nate "Tex" Blakeslee of the *Texas Observer* and Doug  
17 Swanson of *The Dallas Morning News* and extend to them sincere  
18 gratitude and best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

19           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
20 prepared for Mr. Blakeslee and Mr. Swanson as an expression of high  
21 regard by the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.

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| Craddick         | Gattis              | Miles            |
| Allen            | Geren               | Miller           |
| Alonzo           | Giddings            | Moreno           |
| Anchia           | Gonzales            | Morrison         |
| Anderson         | Gonzalez Toureilles | Mowery           |
| Aycock           | Goolsby             | Murphy           |
| Bailey           | Guillen             | Naishtat         |
| Berman           | Haggerty            | Noriega          |
| Bohac            | Hamilton            | O'Day            |
| Bolton           | Hancock             | Oliveira         |
| Bonnen           | Hardcastle          | Olivo            |
| Branch           | Harless             | Orr              |
| Brown of Kaufman | Harper-Brown        | Ortiz, Jr.       |
| Brown of Brazos  | Hartnett            | Otto             |
| Burnam           | Heflin              | Parker           |
| Callegari        | Hernandez           | Patrick          |
| Castro           | Herrero             | Paxton           |
| Chavez           | Hilderbran          | Pena             |
| Chisum           | Hill                | Phillips         |
| Christian        | Hochberg            | Pickett          |
| Cohen            | Hodge               | Pierson          |
| Coleman          | Homer               | Pitts            |
| Cook of Navarro  | Hopson              | Puente           |
| Cook of Colorado | Howard of Fort Bend | Quintanilla      |
| Corte            | Howard of Travis    | Raymond          |
| Crabb            | Hughes              | Riddle           |
| Creighton        | Isett               | Ritter           |
| Crownover        | Jackson             | Rodriguez        |
| Darby            | Jones               | Rose             |
| Davis of Harris  | Keffer              | Smith of Tarrant |
| Davis of Dallas  | King of Parker      | Smith of Harris  |
| Delisi           | King of Taylor      | Smithee          |
| Deshotel         | King of Zavala      | Solomons         |
| Driver           | Kolkhorst           | Strama           |
| Dukes            | Krusee              | Straus           |
| Dunnam           | Kuempel             | Swinford         |
| Dutton           | Latham              | Talton           |
| Eiland           | Laubenberg          | Taylor           |
| Eissler          | Leibowitz           | Thompson         |
| Elkins           | Lucio III           | Truitt           |
| England          | Macias              | Turner           |
| Escobar          | Madden              | Van Arsdale      |
| Farabee          | Mallory Caraway     | Vaught           |
| Farias           | Martinez            | Veasey           |
| Farrar           | Martinez Fischer    | Villarreal       |
| Flores           | McCall              | Vo               |
| Flynn            | McClendon           | West             |
| Frost            | McReynolds          | Woolley          |
| Gallego          | Menendez            | Zedler           |
| Garcia           | Merritt             | Zerwas           |

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 250 was adopted by the House on May 14, 2007, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 250 was adopted by the Senate on May 22, 2007, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor