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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of Texas Foster Youth, Inc., are working to
2 improve the lives of foster children and alumni in the state, and
3 their significant contributions are indeed worthy of special
4 commendation; and

5 WHEREAS, Texas Foster Youth is a nonprofit organization
6 composed entirely of individuals who have themselves been in the
7 foster care system; guided by those who understand firsthand the
8 challenges faced by such youth, the organization works to educate
9 policy makers and the general public about the specific needs and
10 concerns of this growing population and to advocate for improved
11 services; and

12 WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect remain a pervasive problem,
13 with more than 67,000 confirmed cases in Texas in 2006 alone; that
14 same year, statistics show that the Texas Department of Family and
15 Protective Services maintained legal responsibility for some
16 31,000 children and youth; these individuals reside in one of
17 several foster care placements, including family foster homes,
18 kinship care, therapeutic foster homes, group homes, residential
19 treatment centers, and emergency shelters; although approximately
20 1,300 young Texans age out of foster care each year, they receive
21 some level of state support until they turn 21, in exchange for
22 meeting certain requirements; and

23 WHEREAS, Through their participation in Texas Foster Youth,
24 these caring young men and women draw on their own experiences and

1 insight to help others in need, and they serve as a vital resource
2 in the efforts to adequately protect, shelter, and nurture this
3 vulnerable segment of the population; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
5 Legislature hereby honor Texas Foster Youth, Inc., and commend all
6 those associated with that organization for their fine work; and,
7 be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Texas Foster Youth, Inc., as an expression of high
10 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.