

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jefferson County justice of the peace Ransom "Duce"
2 Jones of Beaumont has teamed with community leaders, volunteers,
3 and law enforcement officials to establish a truancy program called
4 Community TIES; and

5 WHEREAS, A former fire inspector, Judge Jones is serving his
6 first term as justice of the peace, and the abundance of cases
7 related to student truancy and chronic absenteeism has encouraged
8 him to seek new solutions for this growing problem; and

9 WHEREAS, Community TIES, which stands for Truancy Impacting
10 Education Services, is designed to combat student truancy and
11 absenteeism by providing students with the support they need to be
12 successful in school; and

13 WHEREAS, The program's volunteers are charged with
14 overseeing students as they perform weekend community service,
15 which is typically a task such as washing school buses; and

16 WHEREAS, Parents, teachers, and caregivers have noticed
17 positive changes among students who have been sentenced to
18 community service, and Judge Jones is also considering beginning
19 another program, Absent Student Assistance Program, to further this
20 trend; and

21 WHEREAS, In just a short time as justice of the peace, Judge
22 Jones has instituted changes that have had a significant impact in
23 the Beaumont community, and he is most deserving of special
24 recognition for his contributions in this worthy effort; now,

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
3 Legislature hereby honor Judge Ransom "Duce" Jones for his role in
4 curbing truancy and chronic absenteeism among the students of
5 Beaumont and commend him for his achievements in strengthening his
6 community; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for Judge Jones as an expression of high regard by the
9 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2542

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2542 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House