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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, In honor of the many contributions made by the 2 paralegal community, October 23, 2007, and October 23, 2008, are 3 being recognized as Texas Paralegal Day; and

WHEREAS, This date marks the anniversary of the founding of 4 5 the Paralegal Division of the State Bar of Texas; the division was 6 established in 1981 to foster high standards of conduct, professional ethics, and responsibility through continuing legal 7 education and cooperation with the state bar; its purpose is also to 8 achieve more economical and improved legal services throughout the 9 state by focusing on benefits to its members and the paralegal 10 11 profession and developing opportunities, incentives, and 12 recognition for legal education; and

WHEREAS, The division's members are diversely employed by law firms, public and private corporations, businesses, institutions, and local, state, and federal government agencies; paralegals work under the direction of an attorney and require sufficient knowledge of legal concepts to perform work that would otherwise be completed by an attorney; and

WHEREAS, The paralegals of the Lone Star State are a tremendous asset to the functioning of our judicial system and they make substantial contributions to the quality and proficiency of legal services throughout the state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
 Legislature hereby recognize October 23, 2007, and

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October 23, 2008, as Texas Paralegal Day and commend the paralegals
of the state for their important work.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2813 was adopted by the House on May 26, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House