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RESOLUTION

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

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

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas 24 Legislature hereby recognize October 23, 2007, and

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