

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 442

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Seaborne Challenge Corps of Texas for encouraging young Texans to attain their very highest potential both in school and in life; and

WHEREAS, Operated by the Texas National Guard, this vital program addresses the economic and social problems that result when students drop out of school, by providing education, training, career development, and service to the community for at-risk young people; and

WHEREAS, The Seaborne Challenge Corps began 10 years ago as an initiative of Texas A&M University at Galveston; it was incorporated into the National Youth Challenge Program of the National Guard Bureau in 1999; one hundred percent of all Texas Senate districts have had a corps member in at least one of the past seven classes; and

WHEREAS, The Seaborne Challenge Corps is a rigorous program organized into two phases; in the first phase, the students live on campus and adjust to the rules and rigors of the program before undergoing training and completing the curriculum; in the second phase, the students return to their hometowns, where they pursue the education, employment, or military goals they have set for themselves with the assistance of an adult mentor; and

WHEREAS, By offering a safe haven, physical training, and an educational environment free from the distractions of today's

world, the Seaborne Challenge Corps provides a means for many young people to achieve the education they deserve; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend the Seaborne Challenge Corps of Texas for its outstanding work in providing challenges and educational opportunities to at-risk young people and extend to all involved with the program best wishes for future success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the participants of this outstanding program as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Van de Putte, Jackson, Janek

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 12, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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