

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 610

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Roy Maas' Youth Alternatives, Incorporated, for earning the 2006 Mutual of America Community Partnership Award; and

**WHEREAS**, Roy Maas' Youth Alternatives, Incorporated, is a private, nonprofit organization that has provided counseling and shelter for abused and neglected San Antonio children in crisis for over 30 years; and

**WHEREAS**, This exemplary organization was joined in partnership in 2003 by Don Strange of Texas, Incorporated, and the two organizations created the "Helping Hands" program to promote nutrition, physical fitness, and mentorship for troubled youths; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2006, Don Strange of Texas launched a follow-up to the "Helping Hands" program called "Breakfast of Champions," in which young people from Youth Alternatives have monthly breakfast meetings with corporate executives and other community leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, During these meetings, executives and community leaders communicate to the young people the importance of good nutrition and its impact on having a sound mind and body; and

**WHEREAS**, Since its inception in 1976, Roy Maas' Youth Alternatives has provided shelter and counseling to more than 58,000 children and young adults and currently has several programs that cater to those in need of counseling, emergency shelter, and independent living services; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend Roy Maas' Youth Alternatives, Incorporated, for its invaluable help to young people in need and extend congratulations to this outstanding organization for receiving the Mutual of America Community Partnership Award; and, be it further

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

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 29, 2007.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate