

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 820**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the members of the Texas Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation for their dedication to fund research and support policies to find a cure for juvenile diabetes; and

**WHEREAS**, Diabetes is a chronic, debilitating disease that affects every organ system; the two major types of diabetes are Type 1 diabetes, known as juvenile diabetes, and Type 2 diabetes, known as adult onset diabetes; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2002, seven percent of the population of the United States was affected by diabetes, and it is estimated that by 2020 33 percent of the population will be affected; in addition, diabetes-related costs in the nation in 2002 were \$132 billion and are expected to rise to \$192 billion in the year 2020, accounting for one-third of the Medicare budget; and

**WHEREAS**, In juvenile diabetes, the body's immune system attacks and destroys the insulin-producing cells of the pancreas; it strikes children suddenly and makes them dependent on injected or pumped insulin for life and carries the constant threat of complications; it can strike adults as well; and

**WHEREAS**, Insulin allows a person to stay alive, but it is not a cure; it does not prevent eventual complications, which may include kidney failure, nerve damage, blindness, heart disease, stroke, or amputation; and

**WHEREAS**, Members of the Texas Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and the organization's youth ambassadors met recently with legislators at the State Capitol for a "Promise to Remember Me" Day to bring attention to the need for research; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas,  
80th Legislature, hereby commend the members of the Texas Juvenile  
Diabetes Research Foundation, the young people who are youth  
ambassadors, and other volunteers for their worthy efforts on  
behalf of the millions of people who are living with diabetes and  
extend to them best wishes in their continuing efforts to find a  
cure; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in  
honor of the Texas Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Shapiro  
Watson

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the  
above Resolution was adopted by  
the Senate on April 24, 2007.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate

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