

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1166

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join citizens across the state in recognizing May of 2007 as Foster Care Month in Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, Every child deserves a loving home in which to thrive and be nurtured; however, some parents have difficulty providing appropriate care for their children, making some type of intervention a necessity; and

**WHEREAS**, Foster parents provide temporary or permanent alternatives for those children and provide safe and loving homes for children who have come into the state's care due to abuse or neglect; whenever possible, children are placed with foster families in familiar settings close to their own homes, schools, and friends; and

**WHEREAS**, Foster parents are family-focused and assist in reuniting children with their birth families when appropriate and possible; they provide support and may at times mentor parents to help them successfully reunite with their children; and

**WHEREAS**, When children cannot reunite with their birth families, some foster parents make the decision to adopt children in their care; state adoption and foster care statistics show that foster parent adoptions accounted for more than half of the adoptions of children from foster care in fiscal year 2006; for foster parents, receiving the approval to adopt acknowledges the family's love and commitment to the child; and

**WHEREAS**, National Foster Care Month is an appropriate time for citizens to recognize the achievements and dedication of those families who have opened their hearts and homes to the young people of our state; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby proclaim May of 2007 Foster Care Month in Texas and urge all citizens to recognize foster parents for making a difference by bringing joy and happiness to children in need of a home; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of Foster Care Month.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 25, 2007.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate