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H.R. No. 180

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For 35 years, the members of the Texas Probation  
2 Association have provided leadership through training, networking  
3 opportunities, and advocacy for probation professionals throughout  
4 the Lone Star State; and

5           WHEREAS, Established in 1974, the organization represents  
6 employees in the nearly 300 adult and juvenile probation  
7 departments across the state who are responsible for enforcing  
8 court orders, collecting fees, providing offender treatment and  
9 counseling referrals, and collecting restitution for victims; and

10           WHEREAS, The Texas Probation Association and its membership  
11 strive to enhance public safety as their primary role while  
12 maintaining efficiency for Texas taxpayers; and

13           WHEREAS, The probation system is the most cost-effective  
14 alternative to long-term incarceration, providing the courts with  
15 additional resources designed to reduce recidivism and provide  
16 treatment for the offender; and

17           WHEREAS, Additional resources for increased diversions from  
18 prison provided by the 80th Texas Legislature led to more  
19 defendants being placed on adult probation, and technical  
20 revocations decreased dramatically; and

21           WHEREAS, Since the 1995 recodification of the Juvenile  
22 Justice Code, the juvenile probation system has ably protected  
23 communities and provided a variety of programs and resources to the  
24 juvenile courts to effectively and efficiently treat and

1 rehabilitate juvenile defendants; and

2           WHEREAS, The Texas Probation Association provides its  
3 members with a unified voice, empowering them to express their  
4 concerns, make public their successes, and articulate their vision  
5 for the future; and

6           WHEREAS, The men and women of the Texas Probation Association  
7 are dedicated to improving the state's criminal and juvenile  
8 justice systems, and their efforts in this regard are helping to  
9 build a brighter and more promising future for all Texans; now,  
10 therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
12 Legislature hereby recognize January 27, 2009, as Texas Probation  
13 Association Day at the Capitol and extend to the members of that  
14 organization sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

15           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for the Texas Probation Association as an expression of  
17 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.