

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The future of Texas depends on today's children and
2 youth growing into thriving adults; and

3 WHEREAS, The safety, strength, preparedness, prosperity, and
4 pride of Texas are preserved when Texas children and youth are
5 protected from harm, supported in their health and development,
6 provided with education to help them succeed, given the love and
7 security they need to grow, and offered the resources to solve the
8 problems of tomorrow; and

9 WHEREAS, Texans Care For Children is a nonpartisan, nonprofit
10 organization that works to improve outcomes for all Texas children
11 and brings together a broad coalition of citizens in a shared
12 campaign to put kids first and improve children's lives by making
13 their well-being a priority for the Lone Star State; and

14 WHEREAS, Texas Network of Youth Services is a nonprofit
15 membership association of youth-serving agencies and advocates,
16 dedicated to enhancing the professionalism and effectiveness of
17 community-based agencies serving youth and families in Texas; Youth
18 in Action is a program of the Texas Network of Youth Services that
19 provides young people in at-risk situations with opportunities to
20 learn firsthand about citizenship, leadership, and public policy;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Children at Risk is a nonpartisan, nonprofit
23 organization that works to improve the health, safety, and economic
24 indicators impacting the quality of life for children in the

1 Greater Houston area through research, education, and public
2 policy; and

3 WHEREAS, Hundreds of constituents and youth from throughout
4 Texas as well as representatives of the 34 faith- and
5 community-based organizations that are cosponsoring this event are
6 visiting the Capitol on February 4, 2009, to encourage state
7 leaders to put kids first in their decision making in order to
8 create a solid foundation for the future economic development and
9 well-being of Texas; and

10 WHEREAS, The dedication of a special day to discuss critical
11 issues affecting young Texans and to strengthen and renew our
12 shared commitment to securing and ensuring the well-being of the
13 children of this state is indeed a worthwhile endeavor; now,
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
16 Legislature hereby recognize February 4, 2009, as Voices for Change
17 Day and commend the organizations Texans Care For Children, Texas
18 Network of Youth Services, and Children at Risk for their
19 significant contributions to the children of Texas; and, be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared
22 for these groups as an expression of high regard by the Texas House
23 of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 212

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 212 was adopted by the House on
February 4, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House