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H.R. No. 677

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is proud to honor
2 the Parent Association for the Retarded of Texas, Incorporated, for
3 its outstanding work on behalf of persons with mental retardation
4 and is pleased to recognize March 4, 2009, as Parent Association for
5 the Retarded of Texas Day at the State Capitol; and

6 WHEREAS, The Parent Association for the Retarded of Texas is
7 an organization of volunteers who are dedicated to preserving,
8 improving, and expanding services for persons with mental
9 retardation in our state; the association promotes quality services
10 for state school residents, the mentally retarded in the state
11 center system, and mentally retarded residents in the community;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, The dedicated members of the Parent Association for
14 the Retarded of Texas present the parents' viewpoint to the
15 Department of Aging and Disability Services, the state legislature,
16 Congress, and the general public; and

17 WHEREAS, This association is well known for the support it
18 offers to state school employees and its advocacy of new programs to
19 meet the unique needs of the retarded; and

20 WHEREAS, Members of the Parent Association for the Retarded
21 of Texas have been prominently involved in the development of
22 programs for persons with mental retardation since the 1950s, and
23 they have fought vigorously for improved state schools, state
24 centers, special education, and community mental health and mental

1 retardation centers; and

2 WHEREAS, Today, the Parent Association for the Retarded of
3 Texas continues to protect the mentally retarded people of Texas
4 and tenaciously places responsibility on caregivers to maintain
5 standards for quality care; the organization addresses such issues
6 as fiscal accountability and special population needs; and

7 WHEREAS, The services provided by the Parent Association for
8 the Retarded of Texas have been vital to the welfare of both
9 children and adults with mental retardation in our state, and
10 members of the association are truly worthy of legislative
11 recognition for their exceptional efforts and outstanding
12 accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
14 Legislature hereby recognize March 4, 2009, as Parent Association
15 for the Retarded of Texas Day at the State Capitol as an expression
16 of appreciation for the association's valuable contributions to the
17 people of Texas; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for the Parent Association for the Retarded of Texas,
20 Incorporated, as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of
21 Representatives.