

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Since 1996, High Adventure Treks for Dads and  
2 Daughters has provided outdoor educational opportunities for girls  
3 that allow them to spend special time with their fathers; and

4           WHEREAS, Known as HATS, the organization was created by Kipp  
5 Murray, after he went on a backpacking trip with his son and  
6 realized that he wanted to have that same kind of experience with  
7 his daughter, Megan; Mr. Murray recruited other citizens and set  
8 out to design a program for teaching girls in their early teens  
9 advanced camping and wilderness survival skills and for fostering  
10 meaningful relationships between fathers and daughters; through  
11 the years, participation increased, and with a positive response  
12 from the community, HATS grew to serve 140 residents of the Dallas  
13 area; and

14           WHEREAS, Today, HATS operates as a nonprofit organization,  
15 and it continues to offer young women vital opportunities for  
16 personal growth through community-based adventure activities,  
17 including canoeing, rock climbing, ropes courses, horseback  
18 riding, orienteering, and camping; by challenging themselves  
19 through these treks, the girls learn to work with their fathers to  
20 accomplish their goals, and they develop confidence, strength of  
21 conviction, and determination; in addition, HATS gives these youth  
22 lessons in responsibility, teamwork, compassion, and leadership,  
23 as well as such practical training as first aid, and it assists them  
24 in understanding that they are capable of making wise choices as

1 they are also encouraged to try new things; and

2 WHEREAS, High Adventure Treks for Dads and Daughters has  
3 taught many young Texans valuable life skills through its enjoyable  
4 outdoor programs, and its emphasis on strong and healthy  
5 parent-teen relationships has brought lasting benefits to these  
6 participants; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
8 Legislature hereby honor High Adventure Treks for Dads and  
9 Daughters and extend to all those associated with the organization  
10 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for HATS as an expression of high regard by the Texas House  
13 of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1530

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1530 was adopted by the House on April 30, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House