

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Coastal Bend Advocates are visiting
2 the State Capitol on April 22, 2009, and this occasion presents a
3 fitting opportunity to recognize the worthy endeavors of this fine
4 organization; and

5 WHEREAS, Established 12 years ago, the Coastal Bend Advocates
6 is a chapter of Texas Advocates, the only statewide nonprofit
7 organization run by and for people with disabilities; Texas
8 Advocates fights to end unfair treatment of people with
9 disabilities and works to improve and expand support services that
10 help them participate more fully as valued members of their
11 communities; the organization encourages those with disabilities
12 to embrace life and supports them as they advocate for their own
13 rights and interests, make their own decisions, and choose services
14 that enhance their well-being; and

15 WHEREAS, Members of the Coastal Bend Advocates have completed
16 four years of the Peer to Peer Grant Leadership Academy, which
17 provides intensive instruction in self-advocacy for individuals
18 with disabilities; they have gone on to help train other
19 self-advocates through web-based videos and have conducted a
20 community forum and worked to educate the media and the public about
21 issues affecting people with disabilities; and

22 WHEREAS, Members of the Coastal Bend Advocates visiting the
23 Capitol include Danny Torres, Jorge Perez, Billy Barrea, Angie
24 Nanez, Richard Caluette, Donald Skomer, Sandra Salinas, Claudia

1 Cardenas, Lazaro Nanez, and Lucy Lopez; and

2 WHEREAS, Deeply concerned with the needs of people with
3 disabilities and committed to ensuring their rights, the members of
4 the Coastal Bend Advocates are having a positive impact on their
5 community and are setting an inspiring example of dedication and
6 civic engagement; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
8 Legislature hereby commend the members of the Coastal Bend
9 Advocates for their many good works and extend to them sincere best
10 wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1550

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1550 was adopted by the House on April 30, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House