

By: Naishtat

H.R. No. 2174

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Those young people who give of their time and
2 talents to assist in the demanding work of the Texas Legislature are
3 truly deserving of our gratitude and admiration, and Sarah
4 Wilkinson is one such individual; and

5 WHEREAS, Originally from Wichita Falls, Ms. Wilkinson has
6 served as a legislative aide in the office of State Representative
7 Elliott Naishtat from January through May 2009, and her commitment,
8 dedication, and cheerful disposition have been greatly appreciated
9 by her colleagues; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Wilkinson's expertise in the area of health and
11 human services has been particularly valuable to both
12 Representative Naishtat's staff and his constituents, and in
13 assisting citizens with questions relating to these areas, she has
14 seen firsthand the ability of public officials to have an impact on
15 policy; moreover, she has learned more than she ever cared to know
16 about "scope of practice" issues as she followed the House
17 Committee on Public Health and prepared for Representative Naishtat
18 analyses on every bill considered by the committee; and

19 WHEREAS, Ms. Wilkinson has further distinguished herself
20 through her work on Representative Naishtat's legislation
21 regarding forensic exams for sexual assault victims, Medicaid
22 services for juvenile offenders, and youth who are in the care of
23 the Texas Youth Commission; going above and beyond the call of duty,
24 she has even been known to watch the house floor debate from her

1 television at home on Saturdays; and

2 WHEREAS, A graduate student in the Master's of Social Work
3 Program at The University of Texas at Austin, Ms. Wilkinson has
4 gained knowledge and understanding of the inner workings of the
5 Texas Legislature and the legislative process that will surely
6 serve her well as she prepares to enter the arena of macro social
7 work; although her coworkers, most especially the legislative
8 director, are sorry to see her tenure end, they share her excitement
9 as she prepares to embark on a future that is bright with promise;
10 now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
12 Legislature hereby honor Sarah Wilkinson for her outstanding
13 service as a legislative aide and extend to her sincere best wishes
14 for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

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