

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 49

WHEREAS, For 35 years, the members of the Texas Probation Association have provided leadership through training, networking opportunities, and advocacy for probation professionals throughout the Lone Star State; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1974, the organization represents professionals in the nearly 300 adult and juvenile probation departments across the state who are responsible for enforcing court orders, collecting fees, providing offender treatment and counseling referrals, and collecting restitution for victims; and

WHEREAS, One of the primary goals of the Texas Probation Association and its membership is to improve public safety while maintaining efficiency for Texas taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, The probation system provides a cost-effective alternative to long-term incarceration, providing the courts with additional resources designed to reduce recidivism and provide treatment for the offender; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Probation Association offers a unified voice to probation professionals, empowering them to express their concerns, make public their successes, and articulate their vision for the future; and

WHEREAS, The men and women of the Texas Probation Association are dedicated to improving the state's criminal and juvenile justice systems, and their exemplary efforts are building a brighter and more promising future for all Texans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby recognize January 27, 2009, as Texas Probation Association Day at the Capitol and extend to the members of the organization sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of the Texas Probation Association as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Shapleigh

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 27, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate