

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 120**

**WHEREAS**, The future of Texas depends on today's children and youth growing into thriving adults; and

**WHEREAS**, The safety, strength, preparedness, prosperity, and pride of Texas are preserved when Texan children and youth are protected from harm, supported in their health and development, provided with education to help them succeed, given the love and security they need to grow, and offered the resources to solve the problems of tomorrow; and

**WHEREAS**, Texans Care For Children is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that works to improve outcomes for all Texas children and brings together a broad coalition of Texans in a shared campaign to put children first and improve their lives by making the well-being of children a priority for the Lone Star State; and

**WHEREAS**, Texas Network of Youth Services is a nonprofit membership association of youth-serving agencies and advocates that is dedicated to enhancing the professionalism and effectiveness of community-based agencies serving youth and families in Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, Youth in Action is a program of the Texas Network of Youth Services that provides young people in at-risk situations with opportunities to learn firsthand about citizenship, leadership, and public policy; and

**WHEREAS**, Children At Risk is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that drives change for children through research, education, and public policy to improve the health, safety, and economic indicators affecting the quality of life for children in the Greater Houston area; and

**WHEREAS**, Hundreds of constituents and youth from throughout Texas and representatives of 34 faith-based and community-based organizations that are cosponsoring this event have come to the Capitol on this day to request that state leaders pledge to put children first in their decision-making in order to create a solid foundation for the future economic development and well-being of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, The dedication of a special day to discuss critical issues affecting young Texans and to strengthen and renew our shared commitment to securing and ensuring the well-being of the children of this state is indeed a worthwhile endeavor; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby recognize February 4, 2009, as Voices for Change Day and commend Texans Care For Children, the Texas Network of Youth Services, and Children At Risk for their significant contributions to the children of Texas; and, be it further

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**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the organizers of this important event as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 4, 2009.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate