

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 249

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is proud to recognize the Parent Association for the Retarded of Texas, Incorporated, for its outstanding work on behalf of persons with mental retardation and is pleased to proclaim March 4, 2009, Parent Association for the Retarded of Texas Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Parent Association for the Retarded of Texas is an organization of volunteers who are dedicated to preserving, improving, and expanding services for persons with mental retardation in our state; the association promotes quality services for state school residents, the mentally retarded in the state center system, and mentally retarded residents in the community; and

WHEREAS, The dedicated members of Parent Association for the Retarded of Texas present the parents' viewpoint to the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services, the State Legislature, Congress, and the general public; and

WHEREAS, This association is well known for the support it offers to state school employees and its advocacy of new programs to meet the unique needs of persons with mental retardation; and

WHEREAS, Members of Parent Association for the Retarded of Texas have been prominently involved in the development of programs for persons with mental retardation since the 1950s, and they have fought vigorously for improved state schools, state centers, special education, and community mental health and mental retardation centers; and

WHEREAS, Today, Parent Association for the Retarded of Texas continues to protect persons with mental retardation in Texas and tenaciously places responsibility on caregivers to maintain standards for quality care; the organization addresses such issues as fiscal accountability and special population needs; and

WHEREAS, The services provided by Parent Association for the Retarded of Texas have been vital to the welfare of both children and adults with mental retardation in our state, and members of the association are truly worthy of legislative recognition for their exceptional efforts and outstanding accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby declare March 4, 2009, Parent Association for the Retarded of Texas Day at the State Capitol as an expression of appreciation for this association's valuable contributions to the people of Texas; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Parent Association for the Retarded of Texas, Incorporated, as an expression of esteem 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 18, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate