

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 716

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas takes pleasure in recognizing the Juvenile Justice Association of Texas and the Texas Juvenile Probation System by declaring April 28, 2009, as Texas Juvenile Probation Day; and

WHEREAS, The State of Texas and county governments are partners in providing one of the most progressive juvenile probation systems in the nation; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Juvenile Probation System is composed of 169 community-based probation departments, which serve youth and families in all 254 counties of this state in partnership with the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission; and

WHEREAS, With increased resources, juvenile probation system professionals are able to make a positive difference in the lives of many Texas youth and their families; and

WHEREAS, The juvenile probation departments handle 100 percent of the referrals of juveniles to the juvenile system each year through the efforts of more than 8,200 certified juvenile probation and detention officers, and departments continue to provide services at the local level to 95 percent of referrals; and

WHEREAS, These dedicated juvenile probation and detention officers are represented by the Juvenile Justice Association of Texas, whose mission is to promote advocacy for Texas children by providing quality juvenile services through leadership, professional development, training, and education; and

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WHEREAS, The persons who enter the field of juvenile probation accept a great responsibility to the youth and families of Texas; they work tirelessly and courageously to rehabilitate the lives of youth and maintain the security and safety of our state's communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend the outstanding professionals of our juvenile probation system for their vital contributions to the citizens of this state and extend sincere appreciation to them on Texas Juvenile Probation Day 2009; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of the Texas Juvenile Probation Day.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 28, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate