

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 978

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize June 7, 2009, as Heroes and Dispatchers Day and the week of June 7 through June 13, 2009, as 9-1-1 for Kids Education Week in Fort Worth; and

WHEREAS, The organization 9-1-1 for Kids is the voice of 9-1-1 public education and caller training, and is endorsed by the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials, the E-911 Institute, the National Emergency Numbers Association, and the National Association of Nine-One-One Administrators; and

WHEREAS, A presidential commission proposed the establishment of a national emergency number more than 40 years ago; the American Telephone & Telegraph Company selected the digits 9-1-1 for the emergency code; the national emergency number was formally designated by the United States Congress in 1999, and its use was enhanced to include national security in 2004; and

WHEREAS, More than 200 million 9-1-1 calls are answered each year in some 6,000 communication centers across the country, and a growing number of the calls emanate from nontraditional methods of text messaging; it is essential that children and persons of all ages become better informed about use of emergency numbers; and

WHEREAS, The 9-1-1 for Kids Education Week provides events to increase public awareness of emergency numbers and how to use them; the events include the awarding of the 9-1-1 Local Heroes Medal of Honor, which pays tribute to a young person who used the emergency number to save life or property or to report a crime; the award is also presented to the call taker or dispatcher who processed the call; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby recognize June 7, 2009, as 9-1-1 Heroes and Dispatchers Day and the week of June 7 through June 13, 2009, as 9-1-1 for Kids Education Week; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Nelson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 22, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate