

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In every region of the State of Texas, grandparents
2 can be found who are raising their grandchildren, striving to
3 ensure that these young people are safe, loved, and well cared for
4 and able to become happy and productive adults; and

5 WHEREAS, According to data compiled by a consortium that
6 includes the AARP Foundation, Casey Family Programs, the Children's
7 Defense Fund, and others, more than seven percent of all children in
8 Texas live in households headed by grandparents, and more than a
9 quarter of a million Texans report that they are responsible for
10 grandchildren who are residing with them; and

11 WHEREAS, Nearly a third of these grandparents live in a
12 household that does not include the children's parents; moreover,
13 about three-quarters of these caregivers are under the age of 60,
14 and, sadly, more than one in five live in poverty; and

15 WHEREAS, Increasingly, grandparents are asked to take
16 parental responsibility for their grandchildren, creating unique
17 family structures with a range of special needs; despite the
18 sometimes challenging circumstances they face, these individuals
19 selflessly provide vital care to their loved ones that is truly
20 deserving of special recognition; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
22 Legislature hereby commend Texas grandparents who are raising their
23 grandchildren and honor them for the valuable role they play in
24 preparing our state's young people for the future.

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Speaker of the House

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