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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.