

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, March 23, 2011, is Parent Association for the  
2 Retarded of Texas Day at the State Capitol, and the occasion  
3 provides a fitting opportunity to honor the association for its  
4 outstanding work on behalf of persons with mental retardation; and

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

12           WHEREAS, The dedicated members of the Parent Association for  
13 the Retarded of Texas present the parents' viewpoint to the  
14 Department of Aging and Disability Services, the state legislature,  
15 Congress, and the general public; and

16           WHEREAS, This association is well known for the support it  
17 offers to state school employees and its advocacy of new programs to  
18 meet the unique needs of the retarded; and

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

1           WHEREAS, Today, the Parent Association for the Retarded of  
2 Texas continues to protect the mentally retarded people of Texas  
3 and tenaciously places responsibility on caregivers to maintain  
4 standards for quality care; the organization addresses such issues  
5 as fiscal accountability and special population needs; and

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

12           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
13 Legislature hereby recognize March 23, 2011, as Parent Association  
14 for the Retarded of Texas Day at the State Capitol and extend to the  
15 members of the association best wishes for a meaningful and  
16 memorable event; and, be it further

17           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for the Parent Association for the Retarded of Texas,  
19 Incorporated, as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of  
20 Representatives.

King of Taylor

H.R. No. 857

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 857 was adopted by the House on March 23, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House