

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 311

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas, Incorporated, and to join Texans across the state in celebrating Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas Day on February 23, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas is to be commended for its exemplary efforts to protect the right of children to be safe, secure, and free from violence; the organization's mission is to restore the lives of abused children by partnering with local agencies to investigate and prosecute child abuse; and

WHEREAS, Founded with a charter membership of 13 local advocacy centers, Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas has grown to encompass 64 local centers across the state, making it the largest such organization in the nation; and

WHEREAS, The organization offers training programs, conducts site visits, provides a case-tracking system, and operates a director mentoring program to help its local centers provide better and more comprehensive protection to the children in their care; it has recently initiated One With Courage, a public awareness campaign that focuses on the courage required to talk about sexual abuse and seeks to change the way people respond to child abuse; and

WHEREAS, Local advocacy centers bring together a variety of agencies and community organizations, including law enforcement, child protection services, and health professionals, to create a safe haven from which abused children can begin their journey to justice and healing; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas, Incorporated, on its commitment to protecting the most vulnerable among us and join Texans across the state in celebrating Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas Day at the Capitol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this special day.

Nelson, Harris,
Shapiro, Huffman

Member, Texas Senate

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 23, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate