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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, February 20, 2013, is Children's Advocacy Centers of
2 Texas Day at the Capitol; and

3 WHEREAS, Founded in 1994 with a charter membership of 13
4 local advocacy centers, Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas has
5 grown to encompass more than 60 local centers across the state; its
6 mission is to restore the lives of abused children by partnering
7 with local agencies to investigate and prosecute child abuse; and

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

15 WHEREAS, Local advocacy centers bring together a variety of
16 agencies and community organizations, including law enforcement,
17 child protection services, and health professionals, to create a
18 safe haven from which abused children can begin their journey to
19 justice and healing, and all associated with the centers indeed
20 deserve special recognition for their important work; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
23 Legislature hereby recognize February 20, 2013, as Children's
24 Advocacy Centers of Texas Day at the Capitol and commend the group

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1 for its exemplary efforts to protect children and keep them safe,
2 secure, and free from violence.