

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For more than two decades, the Neighborhood Service
2 Council has played a vital role in encouraging and empowering
3 at-risk students from North Dallas and Richardson; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded in 1989, the Neighborhood Service Council is
5 a community-based nonprofit that was established to meet the
6 changing needs of the Spring Valley-Coit communities of Richardson
7 and Dallas; the organization offers programming for students from
8 low-income families who may not have the resources to participate
9 in activities after school or during the summer, times when
10 students may be home alone and are vulnerable to crime and in need
11 of supervision; and

12 WHEREAS, NSC runs a variety of after-school programs,
13 including Adventure Time, which invites elementary school students
14 to visit the NSC Activities Center to play and work one-on-one with
15 volunteer tutors; the highly structured curriculum was developed by
16 the organization in conjunction with principals from participating
17 schools; NSC's BeTweens program helps fifth and sixth graders
18 tackle everyday challenges through character-building projects and
19 academic enrichment; during the summer months, middle and high
20 school students attend the organization's My Time summer camp,
21 where they learn new skills and develop productive patterns of
22 behavior, participate in arts, yoga, and sports activities, and
23 take field trips throughout the area; and

24 WHEREAS, The results of NSC's efforts are impressive:

1 participants in the organization's programs have improved their
2 school attendance and academic performance, crime has decreased in
3 the area, and fewer students are dropping out of school; and

4 WHEREAS, The Neighborhood Service Council is helping
5 countless young Texans expand their horizons and prepare for the
6 opportunities that lie ahead, and it is a pleasure to recognize the
7 organization for the positive impact it has had in the communities
8 it serves; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
10 Legislature hereby honor the Neighborhood Service Council and
11 extend to its volunteers and staff best wishes for continued
12 success; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for the Neighborhood Service Council as an expression of
15 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 556

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 556 was adopted by the House on March 7, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House