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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.