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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, April 3, 2013, 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; and

5 WHEREAS, The Parent Association for the Retarded of Texas is
6 an organization of volunteers who promote quality services and are
7 dedicated to preserving, improving, and expanding services for
8 persons with intellectual disabilities; and

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

13 WHEREAS, This association is well known for the support it
14 offers to employees of state facilities and for its advocacy of new
15 programs to meet the unique needs of persons with intellectual
16 disabilities; and

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

23 WHEREAS, Today, the Parent Association for the Retarded of
24 Texas continues to protect people with intellectual disabilities

1 and tenaciously places responsibility on caregivers to maintain
2 standards for quality care; the organization addresses such issues
3 as fiscal accountability and special population needs; and

4 WHEREAS, The services provided by the Parent Association for
5 the Retarded of Texas have been vital to the welfare of countless
6 Texans, and members of the association are truly worthy of special
7 recognition for their exceptional efforts and outstanding
8 accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
10 Legislature hereby recognize April 3, 2013, as Parent Association
11 for the Retarded of Texas Day at the State Capitol and extend to the
12 members of the association best wishes for a meaningful and
13 memorable event.