

By: Ratliff

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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Christopher S. Scott of Carrollton was named a 2012  
2 Texan of the Year by *The Dallas Morning News* in recognition of his  
3 tireless efforts in behalf of those who have been wrongfully  
4 convicted; and

5           WHEREAS, In 1997, Mr. Scott was himself the victim of an  
6 erroneous eyewitness identification, the most common cause of false  
7 convictions; he served more than 12 years of a life sentence before  
8 he was exonerated; and

9           WHEREAS, Mr. Scott, a business owner and father of two, has  
10 now dedicated himself to assisting prisoners with compelling claims  
11 of innocence; he founded a nonprofit organization, House of Renewed  
12 Hope, and obtained a private investigator's license to facilitate  
13 obtaining court records and visiting inmates; working with a team  
14 of fellow exonerees, he not only pursues cases but also engages in  
15 public education, raises funds for services such as DNA testing,  
16 and strongly advocates for reform of the criminal justice system;  
17 in addition, his organization reaches out to newly released  
18 exonerees, offering support for the transition to a new life; and

19           WHEREAS, Through his selfless endeavors, Christopher Scott  
20 is providing hope to the wrongfully incarcerated and advancing the  
21 cause of social justice, and he is an inspiration to all who know  
22 him; now, therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
24 Legislature hereby congratulate Christopher S. Scott on his

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1 selection as a 2012 Texan of the Year by *The Dallas Morning News* and  
2 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success with his  
3 important work; and, be it further

4       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for Mr. Scott as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
6 House of Representatives.