

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The American Council of the Blind of Texas works to  
2 increase the independence and improve the quality of life for all  
3 people who are blind and visually impaired, and members of this  
4 important group are gathering at the State Capitol on April 15,  
5 2013; and

6           WHEREAS, An affiliate of the American Council of the Blind,  
7 the ACBT was established in Waco in 1978; the advocates who  
8 participate in its 10 local chapters work together to create a  
9 positive, proactive support system for Texans who are blind or  
10 visually impaired; and

11           WHEREAS, The ACBT has a long history of working  
12 collaboratively with members of the Texas Legislature to represent  
13 the special needs and concerns of people who are blind and visually  
14 impaired in order to ensure that programs and services for this  
15 population are appropriate, effective, and adequately funded; and

16           WHEREAS, In February 2013, the ACBT cosponsored the first  
17 statewide blindness summit; held in Austin at the Capitol  
18 auditorium, the summit featured guest panelists from schools,  
19 consumer organizations, and the Texas Workforce Commission who  
20 presented approaches to overcome the barriers faced by blind and  
21 visually impaired children, seniors, and job seekers; and

22           WHEREAS, The organization benefits from the leadership of  
23 Curtis McKee, Durward McDaniel, Viola and Randy Greene, Linda and  
24 Ed Bradley, Margaret Sandefer, Nadine Saffell, Bernice Klepak, and

1 Margarine Beeman, who have demonstrated great commitment to  
2 advancing its mission; and

3 WHEREAS, The American Council of the Blind of Texas is  
4 dedicated to creating greater opportunities for people who are  
5 blind and visually impaired, and in so doing, it is making a  
6 positive difference in the lives of many citizens of the Lone Star  
7 State; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
9 Legislature hereby recognize April 15, 2013, as the American  
10 Council of the Blind of Texas Day at the State Capitol; and, be it  
11 further

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

Menendez

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Alonzo	Gooden	Otto
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Bohac	Herrero	Pickett
Bonnen of Brazoria	Hilderbran	Pitts
Bonnen of Galveston	Howard	Price
Branch	Huberty	Raney
Burkett	Hughes	Ratliff
Burnam	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Callegari	Johnson	Riddle
Canales	Kacal	Ritter
Capriglione	Keffer	Rodriguez of Bexar
Carter	King of Hemphill	Rodriguez of Travis
Clardy	King of Parker	Rose
Coleman	King of Taylor	Sanford
Collier	King of Zavala	Schaefer
Cook	Kleinschmidt	Sheets
Cortez	Klick	Sheffield of Bell
Craddick	Kolkhorst	Sheffield of Coryell
Creighton	Krause	Simmons
Crownover	Kuempel	Simpson
Dale	Larson	Smith
Darby	Laubenberg	Smithee
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Farias	McClendon	Turner of Harris
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Giddings	Murphy	Wu
Goldman	Naishtat	Zedler
Gonzales	Nevarez	Zerwas

H.R. No. 1358

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1358 was adopted by the House on April 15, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House