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H.R. No. 1358

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.