

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 202

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is honored to recognize The Children's Shelter and Voices for Children of San Antonio as they host the Remember 19 Vigil on February 19, 2013; and

WHEREAS, This somber occasion pays tribute to the 19 children who died in San Antonio last year as a result of abuse or neglect; these innocents were between the ages of one month and 18 years old when their lives were tragically cut short; and

WHEREAS, As the community gathers to mourn their collective loss, child care advocates are reminded of the grave dangers that threaten children who live in compromised households; and

WHEREAS, This poignant vigil also underscores the ceaseless commitment of entities like The Children's Shelter and Voices for Children of San Antonio; both groups strive to prevent such incomprehensible deaths with educational and preventative programs for at-risk adults and to simultaneously improve the lives and futures of all children in San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, Since 1901, The Children's Shelter has been a sanctuary for the youngest and most vulnerable; each year, it serves 3,000 children and families, and its offerings include adoption and foster care services, residential treatment centers for children, and rehabilitation programs for troubled parents; and

WHEREAS, Voices for Children of San Antonio emphasizes advocacy, with a focus on shaping public policy and facilitating collaboration in the effort to keep children safe and to enhance their earliest childhood development; Voices for Children connects more than 500 organizations in San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, These two groups provide immeasurable support for endangered and abused children and are deserving of the highest accolades for their unending dedication; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend The Children's Shelter and Voices for Children of San Antonio as they gather for the Remember 19 Vigil; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for them as an expression of great esteem from the Texas Senate.

Van de Putte, Campbell,
Uresti, Zaffirini

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 13, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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