

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 448

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize House of Renewed Hope founder Christopher Scott, who was honored by the *Dallas Morning News* as one of its 2012 Texans of the Year, along with fellow exoneree Michael Morton; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scott spent 12 years in a state prison after being wrongfully convicted of murder; he won his freedom in 2009; since then, he has dedicated much of his time to helping wrongly convicted individuals adjust to life after prison; and

WHEREAS, As part of his mission, Mr. Scott founded the House of Renewed Hope, which helps current prisoners advance their claims of innocence; and

WHEREAS, This dedicated champion of justice never gave up hope for his acquittal; once he was released from prison, he resolved to speak out and push for reform that might prevent others from undergoing a similar ordeal; and

WHEREAS, While Mr. Scott will never be able to erase the pain of being imprisoned for a crime he did not commit, nor will he be able to retrieve the 12 years he lost, he has chosen to parlay the experience into positive action; this tireless advocate is indeed deserving of recognition for his indomitable spirit and his constructive outlook; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend Christopher Scott for his fortitude in the face of extreme adversity and his determination to take positive action in the wake of his exoneration and extend to him sincere best wishes in all his future endeavors; and, be it further

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

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President of the Senate

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

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate