

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 853

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize City Year for its ongoing efforts to lower dropout rates among students in public schools; and

WHEREAS, This outstanding nonprofit organization partners with public schools around the country to keep students in school and to encourage them to stay on track for graduation; City Year AmeriCorps members commit to a year of full-time service in schools, where they work as tutors, mentors, and role models; and

WHEREAS, More than one million students drop out of school each year in this country, and half of them come from only 12 percent of all public schools; City Year concentrates its efforts on the lowest-performing schools; and

WHEREAS, In partnership with 238 schools nationwide, City Year focuses on intervention and support programs that target students who are most at risk for dropping out; City Year specifically works with students who are in the third through ninth grades and aims to improve their attendance, behavior, and performance in English and mathematics; and

WHEREAS, It has been determined that students who progress to the 10th grade along with their peers are four times more likely to graduate than those who fall behind; City Year has the long-term goal of ensuring that 80 percent of the students in its partner schools reach 10th grade on track and on time; and

WHEREAS, In Texas, City Year San Antonio has made great strides toward these goals; over the course of one academic quarter in 12 of the highest-need public schools, City Year intervention helped to achieve noticeable improvements in

English grades and in attendance among a substantial percentage of low-performing students; and

WHEREAS, These remarkable advances underscore the profound difference that special programs can make for at-risk students; the work of organizations such as City Year provides such students with the opportunity to have a brighter and more stable future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend City Year for its successes in lowering dropout rates among public school students in San Antonio and across the country; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this esteemed organization.

Van de Putte

President of the Senate

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

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate