

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 224**

**WHEREAS**, Since its inception, Volunteer McKinney has inspired and mobilized countless Texans to take action in behalf of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1998, Volunteer McKinney was formed by a group of dedicated area leaders to help match citizens with local volunteer opportunities, while in turn providing nonprofit and civic groups with assistance in addressing important community needs; the center now recruits more than 7,800 volunteers each year, with their collective efforts benefiting upwards of 90 agencies, shelters, charities, and organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, Representatives from Volunteer McKinney deliver presentations at churches, schools, and other places to encourage people to get involved, work with local businesses to create volunteer programs for their employees, and offer valuable educational support to nonprofits; the organization is also a host of citywide events like McKinney Make a Difference Day and the Texas Trash-Off that engage hundreds of volunteers, and it annually pays tribute to individuals who have performed notable acts of service at the Spirit of McKinney awards ceremony; and

**WHEREAS**, This outstanding resource is guided by the leadership of its board of directors, which includes president Patrick J. Cloutier, vice president Michael Dodson, treasurer David Field, secretary Jennifer McLaughlin, and board members Sue Bohner, A. Brook Fulks, Rob Nelson, Melanie Scobey, Peggy Smolen, Doc Vranici, and Rafael Zambrana; members continue to

honor the memory of Charles Robinson, who ably served the board before his passing; and

**WHEREAS**, For the past 17 years, Volunteer McKinney and those who have answered its pledge have supported programs that have made a meaningful difference in the lives of their fellow residents, and it is a privilege to join in saluting their shared commitment to building a brighter future for their city; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby recognize Volunteer McKinney for its admirable efforts to promote civic involvement and extend to all those associated with the organization sincere best wishes for continued success with their many good works; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Volunteer McKinney as an expression of high regard 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 February 23, 2015.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate