

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 94

WHEREAS, Boys Town Texas has made a vital difference in the lives of countless children and their families for nearly three decades; and

WHEREAS, The original Boys Town was founded in 1917 near Omaha, Nebraska, by Father Edward Flanagan, who wanted to provide a refuge, education, and vocational training for boys in need of a safe, stable environment; the institution pioneered new methods of caring for children in crisis, with a particular emphasis on helping young people become productive members of society; and

WHEREAS, A regional center, Boys Town Texas, was established in San Antonio in 1989, and over the years, it has touched the lives of more than 22,000 young people and 4,300 families; the organization has worked to keep children in their own homes whenever possible by strengthening parents' child-raising skills and by connecting families with community resources and supports, and it has arranged for out-of-home care when necessary; it has also provided training for foster parents, therapy services for children and families, and emergency, short-term care for children in urgent need of assistance; and

WHEREAS, Boys Town Texas has also furthered its mission by hosting an annual 5K-10K race to raise awareness and funding for child abuse prevention and by collaborating with the United Way, churches, civic organizations, and other groups to improve the lives of area children; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, Boys Town Texas has contributed immeasurably to bettering the lives of thousands of young Texans and their families, giving them the hope of a healthier, brighter, and more promising future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Boys Town Texas for its contributions to the community and extend to its management, staff, and volunteers sincere gratitude for their years of skilled and compassionate care; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Boys Town Texas 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 August 3, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate