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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Texas Juvenile Justice Professional Day is taking
2 place on January 24, 2017, and this occasion offers an ideal
3 opportunity to recognize the outstanding contributions of the
4 dedicated individuals working in this field; and

5 WHEREAS, The Texas juvenile justice system is regarded as one
6 of the most innovative in the country and is composed of 166
7 community-based probation departments that serve the state's 254
8 counties in partnership with the Texas Juvenile Justice Department;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, More than 8,200 certified juvenile probation and
11 supervision officers work tirelessly and courageously to help
12 rehabilitate young people, handling 100 percent of the referrals
13 received by the juvenile justice system each year and providing
14 ongoing services at the local level to 95 percent of those
15 referrals; and

16 WHEREAS, When dealing with young offenders, the Texas legal
17 system depends on the efforts of juvenile court judges, juvenile
18 prosecutors, juvenile defense attorneys and advocates, and law
19 enforcement officers and their staff to break the cycle of youth
20 crime and violence and protect the public from delinquent conduct;
21 to ensure the consistency and quality of such services throughout
22 the state, Texas Juvenile Justice Department staff members also
23 offer assistance and training to all juvenile justice personnel, in
24 addition to providing rehabilitation services directly to young

1 offenders committed to the department's facilities; and

2 WHEREAS, Through their hard work and expertise, juvenile
3 justice professionals make a positive difference in the lives of
4 at-risk youth and help maintain the security of the citizens of
5 Texas, and their contributions are indeed deserving of recognition;
6 now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
8 Legislature hereby recognize January 24, 2017, as Texas Juvenile
9 Justice Professional Day and commend youth probation personnel,
10 members of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, and all those
11 involved in the juvenile justice field for the essential services
12 they provide.