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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives is pleased to join 2 Texans across the state in celebrating Children's Advocacy Centers 3 of Texas Legislative Day at the State Capitol on January 31, 2017; 4 and

5 WHEREAS, Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas can trace its 6 origins back to 1989, when the state's first children's advocacy 7 center, The Bridge, was established in Amarillo; this pioneering 8 organization joined with 12 other local centers in 1994 to form 9 CACTX, which now has a membership of 70 children's advocacy centers 10 throughout the state; and

11 WHEREAS, CACTX provides a wide variety of assistance for 12 local centers, including training, technical support, and 13 evaluation services; and

14 WHEREAS, The CACTX member centers serve more than 43,000 15 children each year by working closely with multidisciplinary teams 16 that include law enforcement and the Department of Family and 17 Protective Services to coordinate joint investigations of child 18 abuse and to help child victims receive the services they need to 19 heal; and

20 WHEREAS, Since its inception, Children's Advocacy Centers of 21 Texas has worked tirelessly to protect the state's most vulnerable 22 population, and it is indeed deserving of recognition for its 23 contributions to the well-being of countless young Texans and their 24 families; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas 2 Legislature hereby recognize January 31, 2017, as Children's 3 Advocacy Centers of Texas Day at the State Capitol and commend the 4 organization and its member centers on their efforts to ensure that 5 abused children receive justice and healing; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas be 7 extended best wishes for a successful legislative day at the 8 Capitol and that an official copy of this resolution be prepared for 9 the organization as an expression of high regard by the Texas House 10 of Representatives.

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