## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 428

WHEREAS, Every day across the Lone Star State, parents and family members of individuals with intellectual disabilities provide their children with attentive care and serve as effective advocates in their behalf; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, parents have fought vigorously for improved state schools, state centers, special education programs, and community mental health centers, and they have been involved in promoting, preserving, and expanding services for Texans with intellectual disabilities; and

WHEREAS, These concerned caregivers have also joined together to convey the viewpoints of families and guardians to the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services, the Texas Legislature, and the United States Congress, with the goal of maintaining standards for quality care and addressing such issues as fiscal responsibility and the needs of special populations; and

WHEREAS, The personal and political efforts of the parents of individuals with intellectual disabilities have been vital to the well-being of countless Texas residents, and these loving, dedicated, and hardworking parents are truly worthy of special recognition for their notable accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend the parents and family members of individuals with intellectual disabilities and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued success in their important work.

Nichols

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 15, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate