

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 763

WHEREAS, The Successful Treatment of Addiction through Collaboration (STAC) Court of Dallas County is marking its 10th anniversary in 2017, and this milestone provides a fitting opportunity to pay tribute to this exemplary program and its significant contributions to the Lone Star State; and

WHEREAS, Treatment courts are recognized nationally as one of the most successful criminal justice interventions for higher risk, nonviolent, chemically dependent offenders; research demonstrates that the majority of drug offenders sentenced to prison recidivate, as do 40 percent of those sentenced to probation, while fewer than 17 percent of Drug Court graduates recidivate; and

WHEREAS, The STAC Court is designed to handle cases involving nonviolent, chemically dependent offenders who qualify to be eligible; the court provides an intensive, judicially monitored program of drug treatment and rehabilitation services through a rigorous, four-phased, 12 to 18 month program; and

WHEREAS, Since the inception of the STAC Court, over 1,600 clients have graduated from the program, and all of them were drug free and gainfully employed or engaged in academic settings at the time of graduation; the program has demonstrated that recovery and transformation for one person means a stronger family and community that benefits everyone; and

WHEREAS, Many dedicated individuals are responsible for the successful implementation of the STAC Court program, including the Honorable Lela Mays and the Honorable Gracie Lewis, who preside over the court; and

WHEREAS, Through the exceptional efforts of all these committed individuals, the STAC Court is playing a crucial role in healing lives and strengthening the fabric of society in its community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend all those associated with the Successful Treatment of Addiction through Collaboration Court of Dallas County for the outstanding results achieved by the program over the course of the past decade and extend to all sincere best wishes for continued success.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 10, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate