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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Attorneys with the Travis County Probate Court have
2 rendered exceptional service to their fellow citizens through their
3 pro bono work in behalf of The Arc of the Capital Area of Austin; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded in 1949, The Arc of the Capital Area serves
5 Central Texans with intellectual and developmental disabilities
6 through compassionate case management and a wide range of
7 initiatives; with assistance from the Travis County Probate Court
8 and local lawyers, the nonprofit provides training and education as
9 part of its Guardianship and Alternatives Program, which offers
10 support to individuals and families; participating in a series of
11 workshops led by legal experts, prospective guardians learn how to
12 protect the rights of people while helping them make decisions in
13 such critical areas as finance and medical care; and

14 WHEREAS, For the 20th year, Travis County probate lawyers
15 took part in the annual Arc of the Capital Area project by helping
16 to create guardianships for members of indigent families; the list
17 of participating attorneys included Michael Knisely, Don Walden,
18 Victoria Seybold, John Crane, Eryn Lyle, Hailey Hanners, Jason
19 Scott, Mike Jones, Tyler Hannusch, Mitchell Crane, Clint Alexander,
20 Julia Jonas, Rose Cohen, Leigh Banaszak, Blake Tollett, Maite
21 Elorduy, Melissa Harvey, Glenn Karisch, Carlotta Garza-Kilcullen,
22 and Brian Thompson; in addition, Caleb Alford, the director of
23 community services, and other Arc employees lent their support to
24 the program; and

1 WHEREAS, The Travis County Probate Court is helping to equip
2 individuals with the tools they need to improve their lives and
3 build a brighter future for themselves and their families, and it is
4 a pleasure to join in recognizing the participating attorneys for
5 volunteering their time and expertise to this worthy program; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature, 4th
8 Called Session, hereby commend members of the Travis County Probate
9 Court for their pro bono efforts in behalf of The Arc of the Capital
10 Area and extend to these attorneys sincere best wishes for
11 continued success with their important work.