

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Joanne Huffstetler of Plano has distinguished  
2 herself as a member of the Texas Partners in Policymaking Class of  
3 2025; and

4 WHEREAS, Organized by the Texas Council for Developmental  
5 Disabilities, Texas Partners in Policymaking is a leadership  
6 training program designed to empower adults with developmental  
7 disabilities and their families as advocates for policy change;  
8 over the course of seven months, participants learn about  
9 disability history, systems, and policy while meeting with a  
10 variety of subject matter experts; many graduates have gone on to  
11 serve on various boards, councils, task forces, and advisory  
12 committees, and some have run for public office; and

13 WHEREAS, As part of the program, Ms. Huffstetler created a  
14 capstone project dedicated to addressing the housing crisis in  
15 Texas for individuals with disabilities; by collaborating with  
16 advocacy groups and meeting with legislators, she is working toward  
17 the primary goal of increasing wages for direct support  
18 professionals so that families can keep their loved ones within  
19 their communities; and

20 WHEREAS, Ms. Huffstetler holds a master's degree in human  
21 development and early childhood disorders, and during her more than  
22 30-year career as an early intervention specialist, she has served  
23 as a program administrator and director; she is currently the  
24 director of operations at To Be Like Me, a nonprofit organization

1 that focuses on disability awareness; and

2 WHEREAS, By taking part in the Texas Partners in Policymaking  
3 program, Joanne Huffstetler has developed the knowledge and skills  
4 necessary to effect positive change in her community and beyond,  
5 and it is a pleasure to join in recognizing her for this notable  
6 accomplishment; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Joanne Huffstetler on graduating  
9 as a member of the Texas Partners in Policymaking Class of 2025 and  
10 extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for Ms. Huffstetler as an expression of high regard by the  
13 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1284

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1284 was adopted by the House on May 23, 2025, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House