



The State of Texas House of Representatives

H.R. No. 1819

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Members of Texas Foster Youth, Inc., are working to improve the lives of foster children and alumni in the state, and their significant contributions are indeed worthy of special commendation; and

WHEREAS, Texas Foster Youth is a nonprofit organization composed entirely of individuals who have themselves been in the foster care system; guided by those who understand firsthand the challenges faced by such youth, the organization works to educate policy makers and the general public about the specific needs and concerns of this growing population and to advocate for improved services; and

WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect remain a pervasive problem, with more than 67,000 confirmed cases in Texas in 2006 alone; that same year, statistics show that the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services maintained legal responsibility for some 31,000 children and youth; these individuals reside in one of several foster care placements, including family foster homes, kinship care, therapeutic foster homes, group homes, residential treatment centers, and emergency shelters; although approximately 1,300 young Texans age out of foster care each year, they receive some level of state support until they turn 21, in exchange for meeting certain requirements; and

WHEREAS, Through their participation in Texas Foster Youth, these caring young men and women draw on their own experiences and insight to help others in need, and they serve as a vital resource in the efforts to adequately protect, shelter, and nurture this vulnerable segment of the population; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas Legislature hereby honor Texas Foster Youth, Inc., and commend all those associated with that organization for their fine work; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Texas Foster Youth, Inc., as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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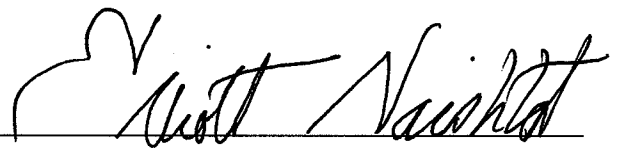


Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1819 was adopted by the House on May 18, 2007, by a non-record vote.



Chief Clerk of the House



Member