



The State of Texas House of Representatives

H.R. No. 735

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives recognizes that the schoolchildren of Texas are the state's greatest asset for the future; and

WHEREAS, Over 800,000 children disappear each year in the United States, and the problem of missing, kidnapped, and runaway children potentially affects every community in Texas; and

WHEREAS, The State of Texas is committed to the protection of its children as an important resource to continue the strong and vital growth of the state; and

WHEREAS, The American Football Coaches Association, the credit unions of Texas, the Texas Association of School Superintendents, the Boy Scouts of America, Roger Staubach, Troy Aikman, Nolan Ryan, and tens of thousands of Texas contributors have joined together to make Texas the leader in the protection of its children by providing child identification kits for use by parents to keep current photographs, vital information, and fingerprints readily accessible to provide to law enforcement agencies across the state in the event of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, These partners, in conjunction with the leadership of Governor George Bush, Lieutenant Governor Rick Perry, and Speaker James E. "Pete" Laney, have made a commitment to supply every one of the more than four million children attending public school in Texas with a free inkless identification kit paid for by voluntary contributions to help parents provide current detailed information about their children; and

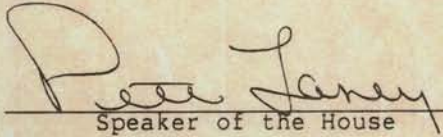
WHEREAS, Texas played a leadership role in starting this child protection program that, through the work of the American Football Coaches Association, credit unions across the United States, and volunteer civic and athletic leaders, will be a vital link in providing the best chance to protect missing, kidnapped, and runaway children in the United States; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 76th Texas Legislature hereby commend all those involved in this important child protection program and request the governor of the State of Texas to declare the month of March 2000 as Child ID Protection Month in Texas; and, be it further

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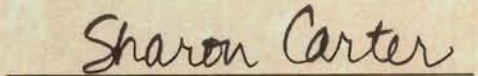
RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for the American Football Coaches Association, the Texas Credit Union League on behalf of Texas credit unions and their members and owners, the Texas Association of School Superintendents, the Boy Scouts of America, Roger Staubach, Troy Aikman, and Nolan Ryan 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. 735 was adopted by the House on April 26, 1999, by a non-record vote.




Chief Clerk of the House