

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 875

WHEREAS, Native Texan Wendy Kopp has made a significant contribution to public education as the founder and chief executive officer of Teach For America; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Highland Park High School in Dallas, Wendy Kopp earned her bachelor's degree from Princeton University in 1989; for her undergraduate thesis, she proposed the creation of a program that would allow top college students to make a positive difference in the world by teaching in economically disadvantaged schools; she went on to make that vision a reality by founding Teach For America in 1990; as a 21-year-old, this remarkable Texan raised \$2.5 million in start-up funding, hired a staff, and recruited 500 men and women from across the country who shared her vision; and

WHEREAS, Today, under her able guidance, Teach For America benefits more than 500,000 students; currently, the organization recruits, trains, and employs 8,000 teachers who serve in 39 regions across the country; these recent college graduates and professionals commit to two years of service in urban and rural schools in low-income communities, and in Texas, their contributions are bolstering student achievement in the Rio Grande Valley, Houston, Dallas, and San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, With passion and determination, Wendy Kopp has dedicated more than two decades to improving public education, and in so doing, she is helping to transform the lives of countless young men and women across the state and nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend Wendy Kopp for her exceptional social entrepreneurship and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success with her important work in behalf of educational equity and excellence; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Wendy Kopp as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Shapiro

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on April 29, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate