

R E S O L U T I O N

1        WHEREAS, Texas Juvenile Justice Professional Day is taking  
2 place on January 24, 2017, and this occasion offers an ideal  
3 opportunity to recognize the outstanding contributions of the  
4 dedicated individuals working in this field; and

5        WHEREAS, The Texas juvenile justice system is regarded as one  
6 of the most progressive in the country and is composed of 166  
7 community-based probation departments that serve the state's 254  
8 counties in partnership with the Texas Juvenile Justice Department;  
9 and

10       WHEREAS, More than 8,200 certified juvenile probation and  
11 supervision officers work tirelessly and courageously to help  
12 rehabilitate young people, handling 100 percent of the referrals  
13 received into the juvenile justice system each year and providing  
14 ongoing services at the local level to 95 percent of those  
15 referrals; and

16       WHEREAS, When dealing with young offenders, the Texas legal  
17 system depends on the efforts of juvenile court judges, juvenile  
18 prosecutors, juvenile defense attorneys and advocates, and law  
19 enforcement officers and their staff to break the cycle of youth  
20 crime and violence and protect the public from delinquent conduct;  
21 to ensure the consistency and quality of such services throughout  
22 the state, Texas Juvenile Justice Department staff members also  
23 offer assistance and training to all juvenile justice personnel in  
24 addition to providing rehabilitation services directly to young

1 offenders committed to the department's facilities; and

2 WHEREAS, Through their hard work and expertise, juvenile  
3 justice professionals make a positive difference in the lives of  
4 at-risk youth and help maintain the security of the citizens of  
5 Texas, and their contributions are indeed deserving of recognition;  
6 now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby recognize January 24, 2017, as Texas Juvenile  
9 Justice Professional Day and commend youth probation personnel for  
10 the essential services they provide.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 53 was adopted by the House on February 23, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House