WHEREAS, services for deaf/blind persons are not available in many areas; and whereas many persons do not truly understand either the problems which deaf/blind persons face nor the outstanding capabilities and overall potential of deaf/blind persons,

THEREFORE BE IT Resolved that all concerned delegates and member organizations contact their elected representatives to urge support of House Joint Resolution 309 (the designation of Hellen Keller Deaf/blind Deaf Awareness Week during the last week in June).

By Dick Bell with SACCH

1983-B2/D7 Council on Disabilities

## Coalition of Texans with Disabilities

WHEREAS more than 1300 disabled Texans and their advocates, including members of CTD, testified at public forums held by the Governor's Long-Range planning group for Texans with Disabilities in order to contribute to the development of a long-range plan to improve quality of life opportunities for disabled Texans and

WHEREAS the Long-Range Planning Group to the 68th Legislature to create a council on disabilities to refine and carry out this plan has been enacted into law.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CTD in convention assembled this 23rd day of October urges the Office of the Governor to move with all due haste to appoint and activate the Council on Disabilities and encourage them to accept the <a href="Long-Range Plan for Texans">Long-Range Plan for Texans</a> with Disabilities and begin its implementation immediately:

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor continue the commendable practice of involving disabled persons at the highest levels of decision making and planning within his administration.

by Peg Nosek

1983-D-8

Sixth Annual Convention for Interpreters Appreciation

BE IT RESOLVED that the grateful appreciation of the delegates to the sixth annual assembly of CTD be extended to the El Paso Center of the Deaf for coordinating all interpreting services for deaf and deaf/blind participants at the assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all interpreters who so willingly donated their time are extended a round of applause and the grateful appreciation of all delegates and members of CTD. Names of such interpreters are: Elizabeth Snyder, Elizabeth Escondon, Pat Foley, Mary Mooney, Marjorie Bender, Joan Bell, Louise Coleman, Suzanne Penney, and Daisie Palmer.

by Jerry Hassell and Larry Evans

1983-D-10 6th Annual Convention Business Appreciation

WHEREAS, the Roadway Inn of El Paso, Texas managed by Sue Serna, hosted the sixth annual delegate assembly of CTD; and whereas Bud Nichols with Jerry Wolfe's Restaurant; Fred Valdez, General Manager of the restaurant and Marilyn Reed, Catering Manager of the restaurant, endeavored to achieve accessibility for disabled persons using their facility. Therefore, be it resolved that all participants to the sixth annual delegate assembly of CTD express our deep appreciation by forwarding a copy of this resolution and a letter of heart-felt thanks.

by Larry Johnson and Marshall Mitchell

## Transportation

WHEREAS CTD supports employment of disabled persons; and

WHEREAS transportation is necessary to be able to be employable;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities hereby supports a multi-modal system of transportation for the disabled citizens of the State of authorities within the State of Texas to support this viewpoint.

by Paralyzed Veterans of America

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8. Whereas there appears to be a lot of confusion in the election process of CTD, therefore, be it resolved that an election committee be appointed to study different processes of election and report their findings to the board for subsequent approval and implementation.

by Tommy Leifester