



Disabled But Able to Vote Week

by Peg Nosek

Members of the CTD have taken a definite stand on voting as a priority issue for 1984. At the recent Delegate Assembly in El Paso, CTD members passed a strongly worded resolution to conduct voter registration, education and mobilization activities during the week of March 10-18, 1984 as various CTD member organizations will be conducting a wide variety of activities throughout the State. Some of these activities will include voter education rallies with prominent speakers from across the State, voter registration, candidate forums, press conference, etc.

The CTD main office has materials available on how to conduct such activities as well as (free) "Disabled But Able to Vote" bumper stickers, posters and T-shirts for \$5.00 a piece.

At the Delegate Assembly, the following people volunteered to be interim coordinators for their area to assist in planning events and distributing materials. Please feel free to contact your local representative if you would like to be involved in this exciting campaign.

- Austin Peg Nosek (512) 442-9755
- San Antonio Dennis Dildy (512) 825-3551
- Houston Vicki Harris (713) 795-4252
- Dallas Jim Bruce (214) 287-4974
- El Paso Tom Kimble (915) 598-6952 or 541-4630
- Lubbock Lee Kitchens (806) 741-3418
- Amarillo Marshall Mitchell (806) 376-5111.

Delegate Assembly Passed Resolutions

Editor's Note: The 1983 CTD Delegate Assembly passed 21 resolutions. To conserve on space, the editors have consolidated the six resolutions expressing CTD's appreciation to various individuals into one resolution and summarized the remaining 15 resolutions by reprinting the "action to be taken" and omitting the reasons leading up to the action taken. Copies of the resolutions in their entirety may be obtained from the CTD office.

1. Appointments urged to Job Training Partnership Act Coordinating Council

Be it resolved that CTD strongly urge Governor White to appoint at least two qualified disabled persons who represent authentic disability rights advocacy organizations as members of the Coordinating Council for the Job Training and Partnership Act.

(submitted by Peg Nosek)

2. Support of multi-modal transportation systems for the disabled

Be it resolved that CTD hereby supports a multi-modal system of transportation for the disabled citizens of the State of Texas and we further urge the transportation systems and governmental authorities within the State of Texas to support this viewpoint.

(submitted by Paralyzed Veterans of America)

3. Disabled but able to vote campaign

Be it resolved that CTD will make as the top priority for 1983-84 the registration, education and mobilization of disabled voters under the title "Disabled But Able to Vote" campaign, and

Be it further resolved that the CTD will, cooperate with its state and local member organizations and other groups concerned with this issue, encourage, coordinate and be a resource for a week long series of rallies throughout Texas to promote this campaign, and

Be it further resolved that the CTD will cooperate with and support the "Disabled But Able to Vote" campaign of the American Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities.

(submitted by Peg Nosek)

4. Continued funding of VISTA

Be it resolved that CTD urge the Congress and the President to appropriate funds for the continuation or expansion of VISTA.

(submitted by Peg Nosek)



5. **Appointment of Internal CTD election committee**

Be it resolved that an election committee be appointed to study different processes of elections and report their findings to the Board for subsequent approval and implementation.

(submitted by Paralyzed Veteran's of America)

6. **CTD opposes phone rate increases**

Be it resolved that CTD actively opposes the rate hike request of Southwestern Bell before the Public Utilities Commission of Texas and opposes any future attempts of Southwestern Bell to seek authorization of local measured rate structure, and

Be it further resolved that CTD requests the Commissioners of the Public Utility Commission to make a study of the impact of the proposed increase on disabled Texans and to provide for a lifeline rate to offer reasonable service at a reasonable price.

(submitted by MIGHT & ARCIL)

7. **Establishment of TDHR committee to review services for the disabled**

Be it resolved that CTD communicate to appropriate TDHR departments and staff that a committee be established to review their services in regard to disabled persons and that this review be focused on developing a long range plan for increased participation of disabled persons.

(submitted by Bob Kafka)

8. **Increase appropriation funds for community care programs**

Be it resolved that CTD will advocate for increased allocation and appropriation of funds for programs in community care ser-

vices such as supervised living, special services to the handicapped, transitional living and pilot programs for attendant care services.

(submitted by MIGHT II of Austin)

9. **Recruiting Congress to revise H.U.D. regulations**

Be it resolved that CTD ask their member organizations to contact their respective congressional representatives regarding the need for revision of H.U.D. regulations to demand support for and increase in the number of accessible housing units, both one and two bedroom, that would accommodate severely disabled persons.

(submitted by MIGHT II of Austin)

10. **Opposition to current Board of Education eligibility rules**

Be it resolved that the President of CTD will correspond with the Board of Education indicating the organization's opposition to the age eligibility rule change and encourage the State Board of Education to rescind the rule change and reinstate the former rule which requires that the schools teach children in special education through age 21. Copies of this letter will be sent to the State Board of Education, the Texas Education Agency Commissioner and Governor Mark White.

(submitted by Jim Bruce)

11. **CTD utilization of "Disabled but Able to Vote" slogan**

Be it resolved that CTD will utilize the slogan "Disabled but able" on all correspondence and encourage it's member organization to do the same.

12. **Support of the National Council on the Handicapped and it's policies**

Be it resolved that CTD strongly urges the President and the National Council on the Handicapped to act in all due haste to implement this policy within all levels of government and undertake aggressive measures to encourage cooperation from the private sector, and

Be it further resolved that the President, Congress and National Council continue the commendable practice of involving disabled persons at the highest level of decision making and planning within his administration.

(submitted by Peg Nosek)

13. **CTD urges the activation of the Council on Disabilities**

Be it resolved that CTD 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 Long Range Plan for Texans with Disabilities and begin implementation immediately, and

Be it resolved that the Governor continue the commendable practice of involving disabled persons at the highest levels of decision making and planning within his administration.

(submitted by Peg Nosek)

14. **CTD urges support of H.J.R. 309**

Be it resolved that all concerned delegates and member organizations contact their elected representatives to urge support of H.J.R. 309 (the designation of Helen Keller Deaf-Blind Awareness Week during the last week in June).

(submitted by Dick Bell, S.A.C.C.H.)

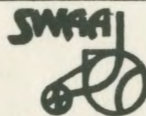
15. **Appreciation to Texas Rehabilitation Commission and the Commissioner.**

Be it resolved that CTD expresses its appreciation to TRC and Commissioner Max Arrell in a letter stating our thanks for their support of the Jog Rama and continued support of the Independent Living movement and rights of disabled persons.

The following organizations and individuals were recognized in separate resolutions of commendation, appreciation and thank you at the Delegate Assembly.

Ms. Linda Wren, VISTA Coordinator/Mr. Joe Dunsenbury, Chairperson, Nat. Council on the Handicapped/Mr. Itzak Perlman, concert violinist/The El Paso Center of the Deaf/The El Paso Host Committee/The Rodeway Inn of El Paso

Wheelchair Games Set for April



by Bob Kafka

The Southwest Wheelchair Athletic Association (S.W.A.A.) will be hosting the 9th Annual Wheelchair Games April 6-8 on the campus of the University of Houston.

Individuals from Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana will compete in events such as track (100 meter, 200 meter, 400 meter...), field (discus, javelin, shot-put, club-throw), swimming (freestyle, backstroke, breast...), table tennis, weight lifting, archery, bowling and motorized wheelchair events. Each individual will be placed in a classification with others of similar physical capabilities. The games gives one an opportunity to participate in sports for competitiveness, physical fitness and fun.

For more information, contact SWAA at the following: P.O. Box 20803/Houston, Texas 77025/(713) 666-6707