

By: Senator J. Hutchinson

## SENATE RESOLUTION

COMMENDING ALTERNATIVE OPPORTUNITIES, INC. FOR ITS HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO IMPROVE THE MENTAL HEALTH OF CHILDREN, ADOLESCENTS, AND ADULTS, COMBAT SUBSTANCE ABUSE, PROMOTE SOBRIETY, AND OFFER INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS UNDER ITS BUSINESS NAMES DAYSPRING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DECISION POINT TREATMENT SERVICES; AND APPLAUDING ITS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FIRST RECOVERY HIGH SCHOOL IN ARKANSAS, THE ALEX RECOVERY HIGH SCHOOL IN BENTONVILLE, ARKANSAS.

### Subtitle

COMMENDING ALTERNATIVE OPPORTUNITIES, INC. FOR ITS HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH AND OFFER INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO COMBAT SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND PROMOTE SOBRIETY.

WHEREAS, inspired by the untimely death of their 23-year-old son, Alex Levin Goss, Tom and Bontiea Goss established Alternative Opportunities, Inc., a nonprofit, charitable, 501(c)(3) organization working in Arkansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma to provide services and support to individuals with disabilities, families and children in crisis, young people moving toward independence, inpatient/outpatient substance abuse treatment services, and behavioral health services; and

WHEREAS, Alternative Opportunities, Inc. operates in Arkansas as



AO/Dayspring Behavioral Health of Arkansas and AO/Decision Point Treatment Services; and

WHEREAS, due to the negative impact of substance and alcohol abuse by teens, twenty-nine (29) recovery high schools have been established throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, recovery high schools focus on offering a safe and sober alternative for students struggling to avoid falling back into harmful routines and environments; and

WHEREAS, recovery high schools tend to be small, offering individualized curricula for students who may have missed school due to alcohol or substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, the staff of recovery schools includes therapists, abuse counselors, and mental health professionals who help students with co-existing disorders such as anxiety, depression, or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, as well as primary treatment for substance and alcohol abuse; and

WHEREAS, through the efforts of AO/Decision Point Treatment Services, Arkansas will open its first recovery high school in 2013, the Alex Recovery High School in Bentonville, Arkansas,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate commends Alternative Opportunities, Inc. for its hard work and dedication to improve the mental health of children, adolescents, and adults, combat substance abuse, promote sobriety, and offer innovative solutions under its business names AO/DaySpring Behavioral Health of Arkansas and AO/Decision Point Treatment Services; and congratulates AO/Decision Point Treatment Services for bringing the Alex Recovery High School to Bentonville, Arkansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, the Secretary of the Senate will transmit a copy to Bontiea Goss, Chief Administrative Officer of Alternative Opportunities, Inc.