

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 422

WHEREAS, Kristi Daugherty was recognized as one of El Paso Inc.'s 2022 Women of Impact; and

WHEREAS, The CEO of Emergence Health Network, Ms. Daugherty is credited with energizing the company, which provides behavioral health and developmental disabilities programs, and expanding its services; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Daugherty has emphasized preparation, and during the 2019 mass shooting in El Paso, she swiftly deployed the EHN emergency plan and had a team on site within an hour of the horrific incident; programs at the center today continue to help those who were impacted by the tragedy; and

WHEREAS, When the COVID-19 pandemic hit Texas, EHN launched a remote crisis program in partnership with The University of Texas at El Paso, ensuring that interns could graduate on time despite the closure of clinicals; they were hired to provide phone support, thus gaining the experience they needed; in addition, EHN set up clinics on five El Paso Independent School District campuses to improve access to mental health care and ease the stigma around mental wellness programs; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Daugherty has also focused on strengthening EHN's clinical services; with the advent of 988 as the national three-digit access number for the Suicide and Crisis hotline, Emergence became one of only four community centers serving as a 988 center; moreover, it has been designated as a national Spanish-language center, receiving calls from all across the country; EHN has been an innovator in the justice-involved sector as well, increasing the number of Crisis Intervention Teams across the region and adding campus-based CIT in two local school districts; engaging in fruitful partnerships with local educators, the organization has seen positive results by embedding mental health services in schools to better reach children and parents alike; in addition, it maintains the IDD Learning Center to provide daytime rehabilitation that helps individuals with developmental disabilities reach the highest possible degree of independence; and

WHEREAS, While fulfilling her many responsibilities, Ms. Daugherty also generously shares her time and expertise as a member of the boards of the FEMAP Foundation, Project Amistad, and the FBI Citizens Academy, among other organizations; and

WHEREAS, Kristi Daugherty has made a positive difference in the lives of countless El Paso residents through her vision and leadership at the helm of Emergence Health Network, and she is richly deserving of this accolade; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby congratulate Kristi Daugherty on her selection as one of El Paso Inc.'s 2022 Women of Impact and

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extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success; and,
be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Ms. Daugherty as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 17, 2023.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate