

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Edinburg Children's Advocacy Center (CAC), also
2 known as Estrella's House, has sought to create a safe haven for
3 victims of child abuse since its founding in April 2001; and

4 WHEREAS, Part of a statewide network of advocacy centers
5 devoted to addressing the problem of child abuse through
6 prevention, intervention, and treatment, Estrella's House provides
7 much-needed services to the youngest and most vulnerable of Texans;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The center is named for two-year-old Estrella Rojas,
10 who tragically lost her life in July 2000 at the hands of her
11 mother's boyfriend and whose memory continues to inspire
12 individuals throughout the area; and

13 WHEREAS, All children who come to Estrella's House are given
14 a teddy bear, a nurse's services, and a secure and nonthreatening
15 environment in which to tell their story; in addition, the staff
16 coordinates its efforts with local law enforcement agencies to
17 facilitate the investigation of child abuse cases; and

18 WHEREAS, The creation of Estrella's House is a profound
19 tribute to the memory of a wonderful young girl, and it is indeed a
20 privilege to honor the accomplishments of the Edinburg CAC for its
21 critical efforts to rescue other children from abusive situations;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Representative Aaron Pena has justly recognized the
24 staff of Estrella's House by passing this resolution in their

1 behalf during the 78th legislative session; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
3 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend all those
4 associated with Estrella's House on their commitment to providing a
5 better, safer future for Texas children and extend to them sincere
6 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for Estrella's House as an expression of high regard by the
9 Texas House of Representatives.

Pena

H.R. No. 129

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 129 was adopted by the House on July 28, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House