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H.R. No. 112

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For 32 years the Sabine Valley Center, a mental
2 health and mental retardation agency headquartered in Longview, has
3 provided the people of East Texas with vital services and support;
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5 WHEREAS, The center assists more than 8,000 clients,
6 including individuals with mental illness or mental retardation,
7 people suffering from substance abuse, and children with
8 developmental disabilities; and

9 WHEREAS, Among the many forms of support offered by the
10 agency are diagnostic, counseling, and psychiatric services, a
11 24-hour-a-day crisis line, residential services and youth shelter
12 programs, and vocational training and rehabilitation; the center
13 strives to meet the needs of its clients through community-based
14 programs and assistance as an alternative to treatment in a state
15 institution; and

16 WHEREAS, Through community education efforts, the center
17 also endeavors to reduce the stigma of mental illness and mental
18 retardation; one such program is its annual Destination Dignity
19 event, an occasion designed to promote public support for, and
20 understanding of, people with mental disabilities; and

21 WHEREAS, The center has created a foundation to encourage the
22 involvement of private citizens and local businesses in supporting
23 and strengthening its many crucial services; a volunteer program
24 also enables area residents to contribute to the center's essential

1 work; and

2 WHEREAS, Now in its fourth decade, the Sabine Valley Center
3 continues to pursue its mission of "helping people to achieve
4 dignity, independence, and their dreams," and it is a pleasure to
5 recognize its manifold contributions at this time; now, therefore,
6 be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
8 Legislature hereby honor the Sabine Valley Center for its central
9 role in promoting the well-being of East Texas citizens and extend
10 to all those associated with the center sincere best wishes for
11 continued success.