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H.R. No. 1019

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On April 10, 2003, the Council for Exceptional
2 Children's Division on Visual Impairments bestowed its
3 Distinguished Service Award on Dr. Phil Hatlen, the superintendent
4 of the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired in Austin;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, A deserving recipient of this prestigious award, Dr.
7 Hatlen was honored for his diligent work as an advocate for persons
8 with blindness and visual impairments and for his leadership and
9 innovation in the education of visually impaired students; and

10 WHEREAS, This esteemed gentleman received both his
11 bachelor's and master's degrees at San Francisco State University
12 before earning a doctorate in education at the University of
13 California at Berkeley; he began his career as a teacher of visually
14 impaired students, and later served four years as the principal of
15 the California School for the Blind and 24 years on the staff of San
16 Francisco State University, where he worked to equip aspiring
17 teachers of the visually impaired with the skills necessary to
18 excel in this challenging field; and

19 WHEREAS, Since assuming his current post more than a decade
20 ago, Dr. Hatlen has demonstrated a continued commitment to
21 empowering people with blindness through both his personal and
22 professional endeavors, winning the respect and admiration of his
23 colleagues, students, and parents alike; and

24 WHEREAS, Among the organizations that have benefited from his

1 expertise and natural leadership ability are the Council for
2 Exceptional Children's Visually Impaired Division, the Association
3 for Education of Visually Handicapped, the Council of Schools for
4 the Blind, National Agenda, and the Blind Babies Foundation; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Hatlen is a man of integrity, compassion, and
6 dedication, whose work has positively affected the lives of
7 countless Texans, and it is a pleasure to join in honoring him; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Phil Hatlen on his receipt of
11 the Distinguished Service Award from the Council for Exceptional
12 Children's Division on Visual Impairments and extend to him sincere
13 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Dr. Hatlen as an expression of high regard by the Texas
16 House of Representatives.