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H.R. No. 1172

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Peggy B. Smith has been awarded the Kezia
2 DePelchin Award from the DePelchin Children's Center in Houston,
3 and this occasion provides a fitting opportunity to reflect on the
4 many accomplishments of this outstanding Texan; and

5 WHEREAS, Director of the Baylor Teen Health Clinic in
6 Houston, Dr. Smith oversees a countywide system of six clinics that
7 provide comprehensive reproductive health services for indigent
8 teens; a respected authority on teenage sexuality and pregnancy,
9 she continues to conduct research and has published three books and
10 more than 100 articles on those subjects; and

11 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan has given generously of her time
12 and expertise in an advisory capacity to numerous groups concerned
13 with health care, health care delivery, and the protection of
14 children; among other assignments, she has chaired the Children's
15 Trust Fund at the behest of four Texas governors and served on the
16 House Select Committee on Adolescent Pregnancy; she currently
17 chairs the Family Planning Advisory Committee for the commissioner
18 of the Texas Department of Health and serves on the board of
19 directors of Episcopal Health Charities and on the national
20 advisory committee of the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health; and

21 WHEREAS, For her efforts, Dr. Smith has earned a host of
22 well-deserved awards, including the Exchange Club's Book of Golden
23 Deeds for outstanding community service, the 1990 Women on the Move
24 Award, the 1990 Spirit of American Women Award, the 1990 Heritage

1 Award, and the 1996 Good Samaritan Award; and

2 WHEREAS, Peggy Smith has worked tirelessly to address issues
3 regarding teen pregnancy and child welfare, and through her skilled
4 and knowledgeable leadership she continues to help countless young
5 Texans as they struggle to achieve a more secure and hopeful future;
6 now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Peggy B. Smith on her receipt
9 of the Kezia DePelchin Award from the DePelchin Children's Center
10 and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be
11 it further

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