

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 633

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Val Verde Correctional Facility in Del Rio for achieving accreditation by the National Commission on Correctional Health Care on February 21, 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, Fewer than five percent of correctional facilities nationally are able to achieve this accreditation; and

**WHEREAS**, The Val Verde Correctional Facility opened January 15, 2001, and Sheriff A. D'Wayne Jernigan directed its management, Wackenhut Corrections Corporation, to begin work immediately toward accreditation; and

**WHEREAS**, Through the cooperation of Wackenhut management, Warden John Campbell, the excellent medical staff led by Health Services Administrator Teresa Kesteloot, and Sheriff A. D'Wayne Jernigan, the facility met the strict compliance requirements of the national commission to receive its accreditation; and

**WHEREAS**, All who were involved in this effort deserve recognition for their dedication and hard work, as well as congratulations, for accomplishing this task in just 27 months; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend the members of the Val Verde Correctional Facility community for their expeditious compliance with the National Commission on Correctional Health Care Standards for Health Services in Jails; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared 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 16, 2003.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate