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H.R. No. 1793

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Honorable Al Alonso, judge of County Court at  
2 Law No. 1 in Bexar County, implemented the first certified drug  
3 court in the nation in September 2001, bringing to fruition a vital  
4 new initiative in the fight to reduce substance abuse; and

5           WHEREAS, Drug courts effectively handle cases involving  
6 substance-abusing offenders by providing them with intensive  
7 supervision, mandatory substance abuse treatment and drug testing,  
8 and escalating sanctions and incentives in order to break the cycle  
9 of drug addiction and crime; to that end, a team of professionals  
10 trained and certified by the U.S. Department of Justice and the  
11 National Drug Court Institute work closely with each offender to  
12 offer that individual the greatest opportunity to succeed; and

13           WHEREAS, Saving untold lives and countless dollars  
14 previously spent on incarceration, Judge Alonso is truly deserving  
15 of special recognition for his efforts in behalf of this  
16 significant endeavor; now, therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
18 Legislature hereby commend the Honorable Al Alonso for his  
19 pioneering contributions as judge of the first certified drug court  
20 in the nation and extend to him best wishes for continued success  
21 with his important work; and, be it further

22           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for Judge Alonso as an expression of high regard by the  
24 Texas House of Representatives.