

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 905

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Al Velarde, who will begin serving as the new executive director of the Child Crisis Center of El Paso in July; and

WHEREAS, As director of the Child Crisis Center, Al hopes to play an important role in preventing child abuse; the center, a nonprofit agency, provides a home for infants and children of parents who are temporarily unable to cope with their responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, A retired police sergeant, Al formerly served as the police spokesman for the El Paso Police Department; he realized that he wanted to improve the plight of child abuse victims after the department's investigation of the brutal slaying of a five-year-old child; and

WHEREAS, Al also worked with underprivileged children during his tenure as division director at the El Paso Housing Authority, where he supervised housing programs and community services, giving him insight into the burden poverty places on parents; and

WHEREAS, Al Velarde's energy and optimism will provide a positive role model for the children at the crisis center, and his experience and expertise will help the center continue to provide relief and care to the neglected and abused children in El Paso; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby congratulate Al Velarde on his new position as the executive director of the Child Crisis Center of El Paso and extend to him best wishes for his future endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Shapleigh

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 16, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate