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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Area Health Education Center network of Texas is
2 composed of the East Texas AHEC, based at The University of Texas
3 Medical Branch at Galveston, the South Texas AHEC, based at The
4 University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, and the
5 West Texas AHEC, based at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences
6 Center in Lubbock, as well as 19 regional AHEC operations located
7 throughout the state; and

8 WHEREAS, Part of a national network of more than 250
9 operations in 46 states, area health education centers are unique
10 among state-supported, agency-based health care programs; each
11 center collaborates with a wide range of partners at the local and
12 state levels to develop a quality health care workforce and help
13 address unmet health-related needs in underserved communities; and

14 WHEREAS, Area health education centers play a vital role in
15 addressing these needs through several initiatives; they recruit
16 students from these communities to participate in career training,
17 foster educational experiences to encourage students to address the
18 needs of the underserved, and help place health care professionals
19 in communities where they are most needed; and

20 WHEREAS, In addition, area health education centers offer
21 programs to improve health literacy and increase consumers'
22 understanding of health care, and they assist communities in
23 evaluating and refining their local health system to meet regional
24 needs; and

1 WHEREAS, The innovative approach of the AHEC network
2 strengthens the health care infrastructure of communities, thereby
3 enhancing economic development and quality of life for many people;
4 now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
6 Legislature hereby honor the Area Health Education Center network
7 of Texas for its dedication to improving the health of residents of
8 communities across the state through a variety of important
9 efforts; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for the Area Health Education Center network of Texas as an
12 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.