By: Cook of Colorado

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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The year 2007 marks the 30th anniversary of the 2 Virginia Harris Cockrell Cancer Research Center, Science 3 Park-Research Division in Smithville, and this occasion provides a 4 fitting opportunity to recognize the contributions of this 5 outstanding facility; and

6 WHEREAS, A component of The University of Texas M. D. 7 Anderson Cancer Center, the Science Park-Research Division 8 investigates the molecular biology of cancer and strives to develop 9 means for cancer prevention and detection; and

10 WHEREAS, The institution, located in Buescher State Park, 11 provides an ideal setting for scientific research, education, 12 conferences, and workshops; recognized as a world leader on 13 carcinogenesis, the origins of cancer, and cancer prevention, the 14 Science Park-Research Division is the fourth-largest employer in 15 Bastrop County, employing nearly 300 Central Texans, including 65 16 doctoral-level scientists; and

WHEREAS, The staff of the Virginia Harris Cockrell Cancer Research Center, Science Park-Research Division, has battled this devastating disease with vision, passion, and tenacity, and its work truly merits special recognition on this significant occasion; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas Legislature hereby honor the Virginia Harris Cockrell Cancer Research Center, Science Park-Research Division, on the 30th

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H.R. No. 1535 anniversary of its establishment and extend to all those associated with the facility sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
prepared for the center as an expression of high regard by the Texas
House of Representatives.