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H.R. No. 2122

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A dedicated public servant who has helped safeguard
2 the health of Central Texas residents for nearly four decades,
3 Roderick W. Holcombe retired as director of the Milam County Health
4 Unit on August 31, 2006; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Holcombe is a graduate of Sam Houston State
6 University who began working at the health unit in October 1967; at
7 that time, the staff consisted of just two registered nurses and a
8 secretary; today, the department includes 12 people, and Milam
9 County residents have access to far-reaching health care programs
10 as a result of Mr. Holcombe's astute leadership; and

11 WHEREAS, Providing essential services such as detecting
12 rabies, treating communicable diseases, and monitoring public
13 health preparedness, the health unit also carries out many
14 additional tasks, including delivering 5,000 vaccinations to
15 children each year, administering a health care program for
16 economically disadvantaged residents, and overseeing the county's
17 permits and regulations regarding rural sewage systems; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Holcombe has led the department in its
19 transition into a largely self-supporting entity that is financed
20 by grants and fees rather than tax dollars; his abilities have been
21 recognized by his peers, who have named him to the board of the
22 Texas Association of Local Health Officials and to the advisory
23 board of the Texas Schools of Public Health; and

24 WHEREAS, In his 39 years on the job, Mr. Holcombe has

1 skillfully overseen the health unit and adapted the agency to meet
2 changing needs, and his adept stewardship has enhanced the safety
3 and well-being of countless Milam County residents; now, therefore,
4 be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
6 Legislature hereby commend Roderick W. Holcombe for his exemplary
7 performance as director of the Milam County Health Unit and extend
8 to him best wishes for a satisfying retirement; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for Mr. Holcombe as an expression of high regard by the
11 Texas House of Representatives.