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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Permian Basin Community Centers is celebrating its
2 40th anniversary in 2009, and this milestone provides an ideal
3 occasion to recognize the many significant contributions of this
4 agency; and

5 WHEREAS, The City of Midland and Midland County founded the
6 Midland Mental Health and Mental Retardation Centers in 1969; three
7 years later, the agency added Odessa and Ector County to its service
8 area and changed its name to Permian Basin Community Centers;
9 today, it employs a staff of more than 300 to serve Brewster,
10 Culberson, Ector, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Midland, Pecos, and
11 Presidio Counties, providing a comprehensive array of services to
12 enable individuals with mental illness, mental retardation, and
13 chemical dependency to live more satisfying and productive lives;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, PBCC Mental Health Services helps adults and
16 children through screening, assessment, and service coordination,
17 and it provides training in conflict resolution, independent
18 living, and employment-related skills; the agency also provides
19 crisis intervention and suicide prevention, and its assistance for
20 the chemically dependent includes residential treatment as well as
21 outreach, intervention, and specialized programs; and

22 WHEREAS, PBCC assists individuals with mental retardation
23 through diagnostic evaluations, residential placement, in-home
24 support, and recreational, vocational, and respite programs, among

1 other services; in addition, it supports the well-being of area
2 residents with HIV testing, education, and outreach services and
3 with early childhood intervention for developmentally delayed
4 children; and

5 WHEREAS, Led since 1995 by executive director Larry Carroll,
6 the highly trained staff of Permian Basin Community Centers works
7 with tremendous skill and dedication, and these outstanding
8 professionals truly merit special commendation for their
9 incalculable contributions to their community; now, therefore, be
10 it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
12 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate the
13 administration and staff of Permian Basin Community Centers on the
14 occasion of their agency's 40th anniversary and extend to them
15 sincere best wishes for continued success in their vital endeavors;
16 and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Permian Basin Community Centers as an expression of
19 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.