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H.R. No. 62

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Adelaide Horn is retiring as commissioner of the  
2 Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) in August  
3 2009, drawing to a close an outstanding career in public service;  
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5 WHEREAS, Over the course of more than three decades, Addie  
6 Horn has developed expertise in such areas as institutional and  
7 community care services, policy development, consumer affairs,  
8 vocational rehabilitation, and program coordination, and she is  
9 highly regarded by her colleagues for her extensive knowledge of  
10 legal and legislative issues; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Horn was on the staff of the Austin-Travis  
12 County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center, and she later  
13 served as the director of programs for the Texas Department of  
14 Mental Health and Mental Retardation, where she helped develop a  
15 Quality Assurance and Improvement System for Mental Retardation  
16 Services; she also worked in the private sector in New Mexico and  
17 Indiana, and served as the director of long-term care services for  
18 the Texas Health and Human Services Commission before she became  
19 the deputy commissioner for DADS in 2004; and

20 WHEREAS, The department's commissioner since 2006, Ms. Horn  
21 has overseen all of the agency's activities and care services as  
22 well as its nearly 15,000 employees; in this role, she has sought to  
23 enhance the overall system of care for individuals who are aging or  
24 have disabilities, and she has increased funding for programs and

1 development, reached more clients, and introduced cost-effective  
2 practices; in addition, she developed the state's nationally  
3 recognized Promoting Independence Plan and Initiative; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Horn has been recognized for her achievements on  
5 numerous occasions, earning the 1999 Leadership Award from the  
6 Texas Association on Mental Retardation and the 2004 Public Servant  
7 of the Year designation from the Coalition of Texans with  
8 Disabilities; in addition, she is the coauthor of "Addressing  
9 Consumer Expectations in Texas," which was published in a 2000  
10 issue of the journal of the American Association on Intellectual  
11 and Developmental Disabilities, and in 2004, she completed the  
12 Governor's Executive Development Program at The University of Texas  
13 at Austin; and

14 WHEREAS, With the utmost dedication and professionalism,  
15 Addie Horn has made significant contributions to the State of  
16 Texas, and she may indeed reflect with pride on a career well spent  
17 as she prepares to embark on the next exciting chapter of her life;  
18 now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
20 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby honor Adelaide Horn on the  
21 occasion of her retirement from the Texas Department of Aging and  
22 Disability Services and extend to her sincere best wishes for the  
23 future; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
25 prepared for Ms. Horn as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
26 House of Representatives.