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H.C.R. No. 147

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Melinda Corwin has been honored by the YWCA of
2 Lubbock with a Women of Excellence Award for her remarkable
3 achievements in the field of science, and her selection for this
4 tribute is most fitting; and

5 WHEREAS, The Women of Excellence Award was created in 1989 to
6 emphasize the vital roles that women play in both the civic and
7 professional worlds, honoring women for their achievements and for
8 their contributions to the community as leaders and volunteers; and

9 WHEREAS, A clinician, educator, and assistant professor in
10 the Texas Tech University Department of Speech, Language, and
11 Hearing Sciences, Dr. Corwin has based her career on two core
12 tenets: the value of community and the human need to communicate;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Earning bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas
15 Tech in speech and hearing sciences, Dr. Corwin worked at Methodist
16 Hospital in Lubbock as a speech-language pathologist for five years
17 before joining the university faculty; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1998, she established the Stroke
19 Recovery/Aphasia Group Therapy Program in an effort to improve the
20 communicative abilities of aphasia and dementia patients; recently
21 featured as an Aphasia Group of the Month in the National Aphasia
22 Association's December 2008 newsletter, this important program
23 provides speech-language therapy in a small-group setting to help
24 members regain communication skills and reenter their communities

1 and is often the sole source of socialization for its members; and

2 WHEREAS, Voted Outstanding Clinical Supervisor on three
3 occasions by her students, Dr. Corwin has earned either Teacher of
4 the Year or the Excellence in Teaching award 10 times; she serves as
5 the faculty sponsor for the Texas Tech University Health Sciences
6 Center chapter of the National Student Speech Language Hearing
7 Association and is a frequent appointee to committees within her
8 department and for the School of Allied Health Sciences; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Corwin has shared her knowledge statewide,
10 nationally, and internationally on such topics as communication,
11 adult neurogenic and swallowing disorders, enhancing communication
12 with dementia and aphasia patients, the impact of attention deficit
13 hyperactivity disorder on individuals and families, and the
14 benefits of service learning projects; and

15 WHEREAS, Extending her reach to broader audiences, Dr. Corwin
16 has written numerous articles that have been published in books and
17 peer-reviewed journals; she has also chaired the Publications Board
18 of the Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association, served as a
19 member of the Legislative Network and task forces, and twice sat on
20 the Convention Program Committee for the American
21 Speech-Language-Hearing Association; and

22 WHEREAS, With her receipt of a Women of Excellence Award,
23 Melinda Corwin joins an elite group of women who have been honored
24 by the YWCA of Lubbock; distinguished by her intelligence,
25 determination, and talent, she is indeed a worthy role model for
26 this and future generations; now, therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas

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1 hereby congratulate Melinda Corwin on receiving a 2009 Women of
2 Excellence Award from the YWCA of Lubbock and extend to her sincere
3 best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for Dr. Corwin as an expression of high regard by the Texas
6 House of Representatives and Senate.