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H.R. No. 196

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Samaritan Inn is celebrating 25 years of  
2 compassionate service to Collin County's most vulnerable citizens  
3 in 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded in 1984, the Samaritan Inn was the first  
5 homeless shelter established in Collin County; in addition to  
6 providing a place to sleep for men, women, and children in need, the  
7 shelter offers individuals meals, clothes, and personal care items,  
8 and it also has playrooms and a playground on site; and

9 WHEREAS, In an effort to help residents get back on their  
10 feet, the Samaritan Inn employs experienced case managers who  
11 develop individualized programs for people to achieve their  
12 independence; referrals are made for legal and financial  
13 counseling, and classes are offered in parenting, budgeting, and  
14 job training; when ready to move out on their own, former residents  
15 are equipped with vital skills and a host of necessary household  
16 items; and

17 WHEREAS, The Samaritan Inn provides both long- and short-term  
18 refuge, and the facility housed nearly 700 people in 2008 alone; and

19 WHEREAS, Devoted to helping those less fortunate, the  
20 Samaritan Inn has made a positive difference in the lives of  
21 countless Collin County residents, and it is indeed fitting to  
22 honor the organization for its many contributions to the greater  
23 good; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas

1 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the Samaritan Inn for 25 years of  
2 outstanding service to the people of Collin County and extend  
3 sincere best wishes to all those associated with the shelter for  
4 continued success with their important work; and, be it further

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