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H.R. No. 235

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jerri Jones stepped down as executive director of
2 the Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center in 2008, after
3 three years of outstanding service; and

4 WHEREAS, The Children's Advocacy Center provides assistance
5 to abused children and supports those who investigate and prosecute
6 child abuse cases; counselors at the center interview suspected
7 victims of abuse and offer support and guidance for children and
8 non-abusing family members; the center conducted more than 600
9 interviews in 2007; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones earned her bachelor's degree in political
11 science at Miami University in Ohio; a 20-year veteran of the U.S.
12 Marine Corps, she retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1995 and later
13 worked for six years as a manager for Solectron Corporation; and

14 WHEREAS, In November 2005, Ms. Jones became the executive
15 director of the Children's Advocacy Center; under her leadership,
16 the center moved into a new, 7,500-square-foot building and
17 expanded its services; Ms. Jones also played an instrumental role
18 in doubling the staff and nearly doubling the budget, and she sought
19 to raise public awareness of the center and its work, speaking
20 before community groups and giving regular tours of the facility;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan has significantly advanced the
23 mission of the Children's Advocacy Center, and she may indeed
24 reflect with pride on the contribution she has made to the welfare

1 of children and families in Williamson County; now, therefore, be
2 it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
4 Legislature hereby congratulate Jerri Jones on her exceptional
5 tenure as executive director of the Williamson County Children's
6 Advocacy Center and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
7 success in the next exciting chapter of her life; and, be it further

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