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H.R. No. 1130

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Bert Pfeister of San Antonio is rendering  
2 outstanding humanitarian service in his role as president and CEO  
3 of Respite Care; and

4           WHEREAS, A nonprofit agency, Respite Care was founded in 1987  
5 to fill a gap in services provided to children with special needs;  
6 its programs include a child daycare along with Mother's Day Out,  
7 Family Day Out, and Parents Night Out; the organization also  
8 operates the Davidson Respite House Emergency Shelter, which  
9 provides temporary and emergency housing for children with  
10 developmental disabilities or complex medical diagnoses who are  
11 taken into state custody from all over Texas; and

12           WHEREAS, Under Mr. Pfeister's direction, Respite Care has  
13 been licensed as a foster care placement agency for children with  
14 special and habilitative needs; the agency also provides training  
15 and support for prospective foster parents, to help them cope with  
16 the challenges they will face and to assist them in enabling their  
17 children to reach their full potential; and

18           WHEREAS, In order to define community services that best  
19 support families with special needs children, Respite Care served  
20 as the lead agency in a five-year research initiative, a study  
21 funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and  
22 completed in 2008; and

23           WHEREAS, About six years ago, Mr. Pfeister became the foster  
24 parent of three siblings, aged three, four, and five, who were in

1 the care of Davidson Respite House; several years ago he completed  
2 the adoption process, and today, his sons and daughter are  
3 thriving; and

4 WHEREAS, Formerly an executive with AT&T, Bert Pfeister has  
5 brought deeply caring, committed, and energetic leadership to his  
6 work at Respite Care, and together with that agency's skilled and  
7 dedicated staff, he is providing programs of immeasurable value to  
8 many young Texans; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
10 Legislature hereby honor Bert Pfeister for his sterling work as  
11 president and CEO of Respite Care and extend to him sincere best  
12 wishes for continued success in all his endeavors; and, be it  
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for Mr. Pfeister as an expression of high regard by the  
16 Texas House of Representatives.