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H.R. No. 1281

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Williamson County and Cities Health District has  
2 been chosen to join the Action Communities for Health, Innovation,  
3 and EnVironmental Change initiative of the National Association of  
4 Chronic Disease Directors; and

5           WHEREAS, Founded in 1988, the NACDD links the directors of  
6 chronic disease programs in each state and territory into a  
7 national forum; the organization established its ACHIEVE  
8 initiative, supported by the Healthy Communities Program of the  
9 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as a means of uniting  
10 all sectors of a community to spur strategic changes that will help  
11 prevent chronic diseases; the innovative ACHIEVE approach brings  
12 together local leaders and stakeholders to build healthier  
13 communities by promoting policy, systems, and environmental change  
14 strategies that focus on physical activity, nutrition, tobacco  
15 cessation, obesity, diabetes, and cardiovascular disease; and

16           WHEREAS, The Williamson County and Cities Health District has  
17 provided public health services in Central Texas since 1943, when  
18 the agency was known as the Williamson County Health Department; in  
19 1989, it was organized as a health district through a cooperative  
20 agreement among the county commissioners court and the governing  
21 bodies of Cedar Park, Georgetown, Round Rock, and Taylor; Liberty  
22 Hill and Hutto joined in 2007; and

23           WHEREAS, The NACDD received 90 applications for ACHIEVE and  
24 selected WCCHD as one of 13 sites in the nation to partner directly

1 with the association; the program will focus on reducing  
2 cardiovascular disease in Georgetown and surrounding towns and  
3 rural areas in Williamson County; past participation by these  
4 communities in major health studies will enhance the development of  
5 strong change strategies leading to a healthier community; among  
6 the improvements ACHIEVE supports are revised school food contracts  
7 that incorporate more fruits, vegetables, and whole grain foods,  
8 infrastructure refinements to make neighborhoods more  
9 pedestrian-friendly, increased access to safe and attractive  
10 locations for physical activity, and greater participation in  
11 exercise; and

12 WHEREAS, Participation in the ACHIEVE initiative represents  
13 an exciting opportunity for health professionals and community  
14 leaders to assist Williamson County residents in making sound  
15 choices to reduce chronic disease and enjoy healthier lives; now,  
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
18 Legislature hereby congratulate all those associated with the  
19 Williamson County and Cities Health District on its selection for  
20 the Action Communities for Health, Innovation, and EnVironmental  
21 ChangE initiative of the National Association of Chronic Disease  
22 Directors; and, be it further

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