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H.R. No. 1285

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Houston Shifa Services Foundation is
2 celebrating the opening of the Shifa Abu Bakr Clinic on May 2, 2009;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Established in 1997, the Shifa Foundation works to
5 meet the needs of the indigent and impoverished population in and
6 around Houston; the initiative was started by a group of 10
7 volunteers who provided free medical care, computer literacy
8 classes, and legal consultations to their clients on weekends in a
9 small room in Southwest Houston; and

10 WHEREAS, From humble beginnings, this charitable
11 organization has grown to include 160 volunteers; 55 specialist
12 doctors operate out of four clinics throughout the Bayou City,
13 providing free outpatient medical care to individuals in need; to
14 date, more than 17,000 people have benefited from Shifa Foundation
15 services, valued at nearly \$3 million; and

16 WHEREAS, To better meet the needs of its patients, Shifa
17 Foundation has founded two centers for adult and child education
18 and has partnered with Masjid Teleem to operate a rehabilitation
19 center for ex-offenders; the organization also extends assistance
20 to those in need of family crisis intervention, senior citizen
21 support, and low income housing; in addition, the group works to
22 provide interim boarding and lodging to victims of family abuse;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, In 2007, the City of Houston awarded the

1 organization a grant for the construction of a new facility, and the
2 Kelsey-Seybold Clinic generously donated equipment and furnishings
3 for the clinic; and

4 WHEREAS, The Shifa Foundation and its dedicated volunteers
5 provide critical services to vulnerable members of our society, and
6 the Shifa Abu Bakr Clinic adds to the organization's ability to
7 fulfill its noble aims; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
9 Legislature hereby honor the Houston Shifa Services Foundation on
10 the occasion of the opening of the Shifa Abu Bakr Clinic and extend
11 to all those associated with the foundation sincere best wishes for
12 continued success with their important work; and, be it further

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