

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Texas Child Study Center at Dell Children's  
2 Medical Center of Central Texas is working to fill the critical need  
3 for mental health services for area children and adolescents; and

4           WHEREAS, A collaboration between the medical center and The  
5 University of Texas Educational Psychology Department, the Texas  
6 Child Study Center opened on September 15, 2008, with the mission of  
7 providing comprehensive mental health services to all children in  
8 the 46-county region of Central Texas; Dr. William Streusand serves  
9 as the center's medical director, as well as chief of psychiatry at  
10 Dell Children's Medical Center, and Dr. Kevin Stark serves as the  
11 center's clinical director of psychology, as well as a professor in  
12 the UT Department of Educational Psychology; and

13           WHEREAS, The center is guided by five goals, which include  
14 providing evidence-based treatment for children with emotional and  
15 cognitive diagnoses, training clinicians to work in a  
16 collaborative, multidisciplinary environment, advancing  
17 evidence-based care through research programs, developing programs  
18 to address autism spectrum disorders, depression, and other issues,  
19 and serving the emotional and cognitive needs of acute and chronic  
20 medically ill children and their families; and

21           WHEREAS, During day to day operations, the center remains  
22 focused on such core mental health services as psychiatric and  
23 psychological evaluations, neuropsych and projective psychological  
24 testing, several types of therapy, parenting sessions, medication

1 management, and workshop trainings for community professionals; a  
2 significant portion of its clients and patients are those on  
3 Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Plan and also those who  
4 have no financial means, and the center is supported in part by the  
5 generosity of private patrons; and

6 WHEREAS, Mental health issues interfere with the way people  
7 think, feel, and behave, affecting all aspects of their lives, and  
8 their prevalence among youth in Central Texas is considered by many  
9 to be a public health crisis; the Texas Child Study Center serves as  
10 a vital source of high quality, compassionate mental health care  
11 that is making a positive difference in the lives of countless  
12 people; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
14 Legislature hereby honor the Texas Child Study Center at Dell  
15 Children's Medical Center of Central Texas and extend to all those  
16 associated with the center sincere best wishes for continued  
17 success with their important work; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for the Texas Child Study Center as an expression of high  
20 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2250

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2250 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House