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H.R. No. 2250

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.