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H.R. No. 2378

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Shirley Terrell Leavell has played a vital role in
2 her community through her service with the YWCA El Paso del Norte
3 Region; and

4 WHEREAS, The El Paso YWCA provides services to empower and
5 enrich the lives of women and girls in the El Paso region, and it is
6 celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2009; and

7 WHEREAS, Born in El Paso, Ms. Leavell grew up in Beverly
8 Hills, California, and was educated in Switzerland before returning
9 to her hometown; she has been involved with the YWCA, both in El
10 Paso and nationally, for more than 50 years; and

11 WHEREAS, Serving on the YWCA's board of directors in the
12 early 1960s, she helped raise almost \$800,000 to build what is now
13 its Central Branch; since then, she has seen the staff grow from 13
14 in 1969 to more than 600, membership grow from 2,000 to more than
15 25,000, and the budget grow from less than \$100,000 to more than \$30
16 million; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Leavell and her husband, the builder Charles
18 Leavell, were instrumental in the YWCA's expansion into eastern El
19 Paso in the 1970s, and the Shirley Leavell Branch on Sam Snead Drive
20 has been named in her honor; and

21 WHEREAS, Dedicated volunteers play an important role in
22 communities across the Lone Star State, and for many years, Shirley
23 Leavell has served as an inspiring leader and role model in El Paso
24 through her work with the YWCA; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
2 Legislature hereby commend Shirley Terrell Leavell for her record
3 of service with the El Paso YWCA and extend to her sincere best
4 wishes for the future; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for Mrs. Leavell as an expression of high regard by the
7 Texas House of Representatives.