## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 862

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the American Cancer Society High Plains Division for its efforts to establish a Hope Lodge in Lubbock; and

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society Hope Lodge program provides temporary quarters free of charge for cancer patients and their caregivers for the duration of their cancer treatment; with 28 Hope Lodges nationwide, the program serves tens of thousands of patients and their families; and

WHEREAS, Hope Lodges create a homelike atmosphere for patients who must travel substantial distances from home to receive treatment; the lodges help to alleviate the stress and discomfort faced by patients and their families during a very challenging time in their lives; and

WHEREAS, Hope Lodges also help to relieve the financial burden of cancer patients and their families, saving them thousands of dollars in housing costs over the course of the average cancer treatment; and

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society High Plains Division seeks to bring these benefits to the residents of the Texas Panhandle and eastern New Mexico, many of whom must travel more than 200 miles to receive treatment in Lubbock; it is truly deserving of recognition for its hard work in seeking to bring this invaluable resource to Texas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend the American Cancer Society High Plains Division on its efforts to secure a Hope Lodge for cancer patients seeking treatment in Lubbock; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for this outstanding organization as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Duncan

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 7, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate