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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Caring for Children Foundation of Texas is
2 celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2011; and

3 WHEREAS, The Caring Foundation was created in 1991 as a
4 501(c)(3) charitable organization specifically to address the
5 needs of several hundred thousand medically underserved Texas
6 children whose families could not afford health insurance yet did
7 not qualify for Medicaid; and

8 WHEREAS, Through its Caring for Children Program, from 1992
9 to 1999, the foundation provided doctor's visits for annual
10 wellness and sick care, outpatient surgery, and prescription drugs
11 for more than 6,700 uninsured children; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1997, the Caring Foundation launched the Care Van
13 Program, a mobile immunization outreach that conducts immunization
14 events at schools, churches, community centers, restaurants,
15 parks, and fire stations; the program has since grown to a fleet of
16 10 vans serving 8 regions of the state, and to date has screened
17 more than 500,000 children and provided more than 830,000
18 immunizations; and

19 WHEREAS, Preventative dental care services are also
20 important to a child's health, and the foundation has launched
21 community collaborations to provide dental exams and sealants to
22 preschool and elementary school students; more than 53,000 children
23 have received these preventative services since 2009; and

24 WHEREAS, Key to the Caring Foundation's success in all three

1 health initiatives has been a commitment to cooperation and
2 coordination with the Texas Department of State Health Services,
3 local health services, the Texas Medical Association, individual
4 health professionals, hospitals, civic groups, churches, school
5 districts, fire departments, and volunteers, all of whom have
6 provided invaluable resources and staffing to support the work of
7 the foundation; and

8 WHEREAS, Since the creation of the Caring Foundation in 1991,
9 the primary statewide sponsor has been Blue Cross Blue Shield of
10 Texas, which has provided 100 percent of all the foundation's
11 administrative expenses, allowing all other donations to the
12 foundation to go directly to delivery of care; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
14 Legislature hereby commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Caring
15 for Children Foundation of Texas and commend all those associated
16 with the organization for their efforts in behalf of the medically
17 underserved children of Texas; and, be it further

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