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H.R. No. 1663

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Afiya Center in Dallas is hosting an empowerment  
2 summit for women from May 5 to 7, 2011, and this occasion provides  
3 an ideal opportunity to recognize this noteworthy organization; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded by Marsha Jones and La Cisha Crear, the  
5 Afiya Center works to decrease the prevalence of HIV/AIDS by  
6 providing education and support services to African American women  
7 and girls and other at-risk populations; HIV/AIDS is a leading  
8 cause of death among African American women in many age groups today  
9 and disproportionately affects minority populations; and

10 WHEREAS, The Afiya Center takes its name from a Swahili word  
11 for health and wellness, and its mission is to assist women in  
12 transforming the management of their health; to address the needs  
13 of women, youth, and all people with HIV/AIDS, the organization has  
14 fostered support and discussion groups, and it helps establish  
15 connections to break down the barriers of sexism, racism, and low  
16 self-esteem; moreover, the Afiya Center increases awareness of HIV  
17 prevention and enhances women's knowledge of the biological,  
18 behavioral, and social justice cofactors that influence  
19 reproductive health issues; and

20 WHEREAS, Through their dedication to HIV prevention,  
21 reproductive health, and the well-being of their fellow citizens,  
22 the members of the Afiya Center are making a lasting, positive  
23 difference in their community; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas

1 Legislature hereby recognize the Afiya Center on the occasion of  
2 its May 2011 empowerment summit for women and extend to all those  
3 participating in the event sincere best wishes for a memorable and  
4 meaningful conference; and, be it further

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