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H.R. No. 1739

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Dispute Resolution System celebrated its
2 25th anniversary in 2010; and

3 WHEREAS, Created in 1985 by Lubbock County, the Texas Dispute
4 Resolution System is the most active statewide public Alternative
5 Dispute Resolution (ADR) provider; Alternative Dispute Resolution
6 refers to the use of a trained and neutral third party to formulate
7 a viable solution to a problem; and

8 WHEREAS, The Texas Dispute Resolution System operates four
9 distinct programs: the Dispute Resolution Training Institute,
10 which has provided ADR training and continuing education workshops
11 to more than 1,000 trainees, the South Plains ADR System, which
12 handles thousands of mediation activities each year for 10
13 counties, the Domestic Relations Office, which offers
14 family-related mediation services, and Texas Rural Mediation
15 Services, which addresses disputes between consumers and various
16 USDA agencies, as well as other issues affecting rural Texans,
17 including estate settlement, land boundaries, crop insurance, and
18 compliance with farm programs; and

19 WHEREAS, The governor designated Lubbock County as the
20 state-certified mediation program to mediate USDA disputes in Texas
21 through the Texas Dispute Resolution System; and

22 WHEREAS, D. Gene Valentini played an instrumental role in the
23 establishment of the Texas Dispute Resolution System; he became the
24 system's director in 1988, and he continues to lead the program

1 today as the most tenured director of any ADR system in Texas
2 created under Chapter 152 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies
3 Code; and

4 WHEREAS, The commissioners court and the board of judges of
5 Lubbock County have supported the growth of the Texas Dispute
6 Resolution System; and

7 WHEREAS, For a quarter of a century, the Texas Dispute
8 Resolution System has upheld its mission to provide an effective
9 alternate resource for the resolution of disputes while saving
10 taxpayers millions of dollars, and the program is indeed worthy of
11 commendation; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize the Texas Dispute Resolution System on
14 its 25th anniversary and extend to all those associated with the
15 program sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for the Texas Dispute Resolution System as an expression
19 of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.