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H.R. No. 1769

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Lannette Linthicum, director of Health Services
2 for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, has received the 2011
3 E. R. Cass Correctional Achievement Award from the American
4 Correctional Association; and

5 WHEREAS, Established in 1962, the E. R. Cass Award was named
6 in tribute to the former general secretary of the ACA, who dedicated
7 more than a half-century to corrections; the honor recognizes
8 individuals who have demonstrated the same degree of selfless
9 dedication to the association, the corrections field, and the
10 community and whose achievements follow in his tradition of
11 excellence, integrity, and innovative leadership; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Linthicum supervises the medical care of 155,000
13 men and women in 112 facilities and is nationally recognized for
14 promoting person-centered, compassionate care; during her 13-year
15 tenure as director of health services, she has enhanced quality and
16 ethical standards by creating a health care ombudsman's office to
17 monitor and investigate inmate patient grievances, assist in
18 communicating with offenders' families and counsel, and track the
19 overall performance of facilities; and

20 WHEREAS, Working to advance correctional health care on the
21 national level, Dr. Linthicum serves as senior editorial board
22 member for the ACA journal *Correctional Health Today*; she was a
23 founding member and charter co-chair of the association's Coalition
24 for Correctional Health Authorities and she has held leadership

1 roles in a number of ACA committees, including the Standards and
2 Health Care Committees; moreover, she serves as chair of the ACA
3 Commission on Accreditation; and

4 WHEREAS, This dynamic Texan is developing clinical practice
5 guidelines and standards for correctional physicians as a member of
6 the task force for the National Commission on Correctional Health
7 Care; she has authored several articles and a textbook chapter on
8 correctional medicine, and she served on the board of the Society of
9 Correctional Physicians from 2002-2006; she was named one of the
10 Best in the Business by *Corrections Today* in 2007, and she is a
11 fellow of the American College of Physicians and an Advanced
12 Certified Correctional Health Professional; and

13 WHEREAS, A graduate of Smith College and the Maryland School
14 of Medicine, Dr. Linthicum joined the TDCJ as a National Health
15 Service Corps physician in 1986 and served as the unit health
16 authority in the Huntsville prison facility; she became Central
17 Region health authority two years later and subsequently opened the
18 Estelle Unit Central Region Medical Facility; in 1993, she became
19 chief of professional services in Health Services Administration,
20 taking on responsibility for the delivery of clinical health
21 services statewide, and she was promoted to director of Health
22 Services in January 1998; and

23 WHEREAS, Throughout her distinguished career, Dr. Linthicum
24 has set high standards of innovation and professional
25 accountability, and she has devoted herself tirelessly to ensuring
26 that Texas inmates receive competent and caring medical treatment;
27 now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
2 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Lannette Linthicum on her
3 receipt of the 2011 E. R. Cass Correctional Achievement Award and
4 extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
5 further

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