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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Central Health, CommUnityCare, and The University
2 of Texas at Austin School of Nursing have united to address the
3 shortage of primary health care providers through the establishment
4 of a family nurse practitioner residency program; and

5 WHEREAS, Although they are vital providers of primary care,
6 nurse practitioners have traditionally not had the benefit of
7 postgraduate residency training programs; such programs equip
8 physicians with the skills necessary to meet the many challenges
9 presented by patients who seek care at federally qualified health
10 centers, and Central Health, CommUnityCare, and The University of
11 Texas at Austin School of Nursing have recognized that such
12 preparation would be highly valuable to nurse practitioners as
13 well; they have collaborated to create one of the nation's first
14 such programs at CommUnityCare, where nursing residents will care
15 for patients while expanding their knowledge and experience; and

16 WHEREAS, In the fall of 2011, members of the first class of
17 residents will begin a yearlong training program administered by
18 CommUnityCare, which will provide preceptors to serve as teachers
19 and mentors; the UT School of Nursing is recruiting students for the
20 program, to be funded by Central Health; nurses will make a
21 commitment to continue practicing in community health care settings
22 after they complete their residencies; and

23 WHEREAS, This innovative residency program will enable its
24 participants to reach higher levels of professional achievement

1 while enhancing the quality and availability of skilled primary
2 care in Texas communities; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
4 Legislature hereby commend CommUnityCare, The University of Texas
5 at Austin School of Nursing, and Central Health for creating a
6 family nurse practitioner residency program and extend to all those
7 associated with this noteworthy program sincere best wishes for
8 success in the years to come; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for CommUnityCare, The University of Texas at Austin
11 School of Nursing, and Central Health as an expression of high
12 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.