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H.R. No. 2419

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Legal Aid Society of Lubbock has provided vital
2 assistance to low-income residents for more than three decades; and

3 WHEREAS, In the early 1970s, the Lubbock County Bar
4 Association began a pro bono project to offer legal advice and
5 representation to underserved citizens of Lubbock County; that
6 initiative led to the incorporation of the Legal Aid Society of
7 Lubbock in 1974; since that time, the nonprofit organization has
8 continued to expand its staff and services, and today, it provides
9 assistance in family law and elder law matters to residents of
10 Lubbock, Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley,
11 Lamb, Lynn, Terry, and Yoakum Counties; and

12 WHEREAS, The Legal Aid Society currently has a staff of 10
13 full-time and part-time employees, including 4 attorneys; the staff
14 fielded more than 20,000 phone calls in 2010 and assisted more than
15 8,000 clients who came to the office for help; its caseload of some
16 1,300 matters represented a 22 percent increase over 2009; more
17 than 80 percent of its clients have experienced domestic violence
18 or sexual assault, and the society is at the forefront of the effort
19 to help end such attacks through its leadership of the Domestic
20 Violence Taskforce and its involvement in the Crime Victims'
21 Coalition; and

22 WHEREAS, Through their dedicated service, the staff of the
23 Legal Aid Society of Lubbock have made a positive difference in the
24 lives of innumerable area residents, and it is indeed fitting to

1 recognize their outstanding contributions; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
3 Legislature hereby honor the Legal Aid Society of Lubbock and
4 extend to its staff sincere best wishes for continued success in
5 their noteworthy endeavors; and, be it further

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