

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Current and former residents, staff, and supporters  
2 of the Mary Lee Foundation in Austin are celebrating its 50th  
3 anniversary on March 1, 2013; and

4           WHEREAS, The Mary Lee Foundation serves children and adults  
5 with special needs, helping them develop the skills necessary to  
6 socially integrate with and contribute to their communities;  
7 Charlene Crump formed the foundation in a modest two-bedroom home  
8 in South Austin in 1963; four young women from the Texas State  
9 School moved in and, with Ms. Crump's assistance, learned how to  
10 take care of themselves, study a trade, find employment, and live  
11 fulfilling lives; and

12           WHEREAS, Ms. Crump was an early innovator of community-based  
13 independent living programs that operate as real homes for adults  
14 with disabilities; in 1969, Don Lilljedahl, an ordained Methodist  
15 minister with a master's degree in social work, joined Ms. Crump as  
16 director of the foundation, and these two caring professionals have  
17 been honored by numerous organizations for their work; in 2002,  
18 Mr. Lilljedahl was awarded the Martha Arbuckle Meritorious Service  
19 Award from the Austin Mayor's Committee for People with  
20 Disabilities and in 2001, Ms. Crump received the Texas Governor's  
21 Award for Outstanding Service to People with Disabilities; and

22           WHEREAS, Since 1974, the foundation has run a licensed  
23 intermediate care facility within an apartment setting for adults  
24 with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the Lamar

1 Square neighborhood; in 1993, the foundation added a licensed brain  
2 injury rehabilitation center and an extended care program; in  
3 addition, the foundation offers daily therapeutic activities for  
4 adults with developmental and mental health disabilities at their  
5 Daybreak Activity Center, individualized services and support for  
6 Central Texans who live with their own families or in other  
7 community settings, and housing for children with disabilities at  
8 the Kathryn Stanley Sinclair Children's Center in Woodville; and

9 WHEREAS, For 50 years, the Mary Lee Foundation has provided  
10 essential services to support Texans who need assistance, and the  
11 organization's commitment to the physical, emotional, and social  
12 well-being of their clients is indeed deserving of recognition;  
13 now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
15 Legislature hereby honor the Mary Lee Foundation on the 50th  
16 anniversary of its founding and extend to all those affiliated with  
17 the organization sincere best wishes for continued success with  
18 their important work; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
20 prepared for the Mary Lee Foundation as an expression of high regard  
21 by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 433

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 433 was adopted by the House on  
February 21, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House