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H.R. No. 433

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, an ordained Methodist minister with a master's
8 degree in social work, formed the foundation in a modest
9 two-bedroom home in South Austin in 1963; four young women from the
10 Texas State School moved in and, with Ms. Crump's assistance,
11 learned how to take care of themselves, study a trade, find
12 employment, and live fulfilling lives; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Crump was an early innovator of community-based
14 independent living programs that operate as real homes for adults
15 with disabilities; in 1969, Don Lilljedahl 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, Mr.
18 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.