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H.R. No. 1440

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Pearland Adult Reading Center hosted its 10th
2 Annual Red Hat Literacy Luncheon on March 28, 2013; and

3 WHEREAS, Established in 1987, the Pearland Adult Reading
4 Center is a professional, community-based literacy provider,
5 offering free instruction to adult residents in Brazoria, southern
6 Harris, eastern Fort Bend, and western Galveston Counties; and

7 WHEREAS, Through classroom courses, individual tutoring, and
8 computer-based training, the center's staff helps adult learners
9 strengthen their reading, writing, and language skills, obtain
10 GEDs, become U.S. citizens, locate jobs, and earn living wages; and

11 WHEREAS, Since it first opened its doors with three tutors
12 paired with three learners, the center has grown to include a
13 dedicated full-time staff and more than 200 volunteer tutors; in an
14 inspiring example of the program's success, a former student at the
15 center is now helping lead its citizenship courses, and under his
16 tutelage, 40 people have become U.S. citizens; and

17 WHEREAS, The center's 10th Annual Red Hat Literacy Luncheon
18 featured local news anchor and author Tom Abrahams; he was joined by
19 graduates of the center, along with community leaders, and the
20 event raised more than \$30,000 to support the organization's
21 important work; and

22 WHEREAS, The Pearland Adult Reading Center provides vital
23 learning opportunities to area residents, and in so doing, it is
24 bringing lasting benefits to its participants and their families,

1 as well as to many communities in southeast Texas; now, therefore,
2 be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
4 Legislature hereby congratulate the Pearland Adult Reading Center
5 on its 10th Annual Red Hat Literacy Luncheon and extend to all those
6 associated with the organization sincere best wishes for the
7 future; and, be it further

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