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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Hardin County Crime Victims' Assistance Center
2 works to protect, educate, and empower victims of violent crimes;
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4 WHEREAS, Originally a VISTA program of the Women and
5 Children's Center of Southeast Texas, the center became the
6 organization it is today with the help of a grant in 1992 from funds
7 established by the 1984 Victims of Crime Act; the center
8 subsequently received additional support through funding provided
9 by the Violence Against Women Act; and

10 WHEREAS, Accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, the center
11 is dedicated to lessening the trauma suffered by victims of
12 violence, including sexual assault, robbery, and stalking; even in
13 the face of reduced funding in recent years, it provided services to
14 375 survivors of abuse and violence, including 122 children, in
15 2012; and

16 WHEREAS, The center's staff of professional advocates and
17 trained volunteers teach workshops on preventing violence, partner
18 with other agencies in the community to reach those in need, work to
19 raise awareness of center services among area residents, and
20 maintain contact with local law enforcement officials; and

21 WHEREAS, Violence, including domestic abuse and sexual
22 assault, continues to devastate the lives of numerous Texans, and
23 the Hardin County Crime Victims' Assistance Center is a vital
24 resource in the effort to help victims become survivors; now,

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
3 Legislature hereby honor the Hardin County Crime Victims'
4 Assistance Center for its contributions and extend sincere
5 appreciation to all those associated with the organization; and, be
6 it further

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