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H.R. No. 472

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Hogg Foundation for Mental Health is celebrating
2 its 75th anniversary in 2015; and

3 WHEREAS, This beneficial organization was first established
4 in 1940 as the Hogg Foundation for Mental Hygiene at The University
5 of Texas at Austin by Ima and Mike Hogg, the children of former
6 Texas governor James S. Hogg; it was initially led by prominent
7 sociologist Robert Lee Sutherland, and its staff made hundreds of
8 visits to small Texas towns to disseminate emerging ideas about
9 mental health; and

10 WHEREAS, The foundation began serving the needs of military
11 troops and their families after the outbreak of World War II, and as
12 its endowment grew, it expanded into grant giving, research, and
13 policy development, with a particular emphasis on services for
14 children and the establishment of a modern mental health
15 infrastructure; in the 1940s and 1950s, the Hogg Foundation worked
16 behind the scenes to improve conditions in the state's system of
17 hospitals for people with mental illness, and it played a key role
18 in the creation of the state mental health board, the mental health
19 code, and the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental
20 Retardation; and

21 WHEREAS, During the 1960s, the foundation addressed such
22 societal problems as mental health on campus, and it implemented a
23 nationally influential student counseling program that included a
24 24-7 suicide prevention phone hotline and other innovations; during

1 subsequent decades, the organization became involved in programs
2 for the education and training of mental health professionals and
3 public information initiatives; moreover, Ima Hogg bequeathed
4 funds for a separate endowment to support mental health services in
5 Harris County; and

6 WHEREAS, In the 1970s, the foundation established the
7 Sutherland Chair in Mental Health and Social Policy at the UT School
8 of Social Work as well as a biennial series of seminars, and it
9 later launched the School of the Future project to benefit students
10 in lower-income schools in Austin, Dallas, Houston, and San
11 Antonio; under current executive director Dr. Octavio N. Martinez
12 Jr., the organization has focused on transforming the mental health
13 workforce, enhancing public policy, and promoting dialogue and
14 learning; and

15 WHEREAS, The Hogg Foundation has made a tremendous impact in
16 the field of mental health over the past 75 years, and its
17 accomplishments have benefited innumerable people in the Lone Star
18 State and beyond; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
20 Legislature hereby commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Hogg
21 Foundation for Mental Health and extend to all those associated
22 with this noteworthy organization sincere best wishes for continued
23 success in their important work; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for the foundation as an expression of high regard by the
26 Texas House of Representatives.