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H.R. No. 570

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County has
2 sought to provide a safe haven for victims of child abuse for more
3 than two decades; and

4 WHEREAS, A project of the local Junior League, the Children's
5 Advocacy Center of Collin County opened its doors in 1992 and has
6 since helped more than 50,000 young Texans suffering from abuse or
7 neglect; the center's highly trained staff members perform forensic
8 interviews and medical evaluations in a comfortable and safe
9 environment, recording each interview to ensure that children only
10 have to tell their stories once; they also coordinate with law
11 enforcement, child protective services, and the district
12 attorney's office to facilitate the investigation of child abuse
13 cases; and

14 WHEREAS, Children and families receive continued support
15 after the interview process through the center's counseling
16 services; specializing in trauma-informed treatment,
17 board-certified staff members offer therapy free of charge, and the
18 sessions are tailored to meet the unique needs of each client, with
19 bilingual therapy available for those who require it; and

20 WHEREAS, In addition to providing these invaluable services,
21 the Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County has established and
22 supported a variety of other programs designed to protect children;
23 the center offers educators, professionals, and civic groups
24 workshops on abuse indicators and Internet safety, and adults can

1 learn how to prevent abuse through the Darkness to Light's Stewards
2 of Children training; the Family Assistance Program helps those
3 affected by abuse with rent, food, and transportation as well as
4 applications for additional financial support; furthermore, the
5 center's Rainbow Room serves as an emergency resource for children
6 in crisis, giving caseworkers immediate access to such essential
7 items as clothing, shoes, and hygiene products for their clients at
8 no cost; and

9 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Children's Advocacy Center
10 of Collin County has made a positive difference in the lives of many
11 of the area's most vulnerable citizens, and it is indeed a privilege
12 to honor the center's critical efforts to rescue children from
13 abusive situations; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
15 Legislature hereby commend the Children's Advocacy Center of Collin
16 County for its commitment to creating a better, safer future for
17 Texas children and extend to all those associated with the center
18 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for the Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County as an
21 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.