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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Coastal Bend Alcohol and Drug Rehabilitation  
2 Center in Corpus Christi, more commonly known as Charlie's Place  
3 Recovery Center, is marking a significant milestone in 2015 with  
4 the observance of its 50th anniversary; and

5           WHEREAS, Founded in 1965 by members of a local Alcoholics  
6 Anonymous group, the center started out as a small 24-hour halfway  
7 house; previously, area residents with alcohol addictions would  
8 frequently end up in jail or the psychiatric ward due to a lack of  
9 treatment facilities in the area; the halfway house provided a  
10 better alternative, and its efforts got a boost in 1967, when  
11 Charlie Acklen became a resident; he soon became an essential  
12 member of the organization in his role as the house manager, and the  
13 center became known as "Charlie's Place"; through the years, it has  
14 grown to become one of the largest nonprofit residential treatment  
15 facilities in the state; and

16           WHEREAS, Today, Charlie's Place is housed in a renovated  
17 former hotel and treats men and women age 18 and older suffering  
18 from substance abuse or dependence; the center's dedicated and  
19 caring staff assist clients by helping them understand their  
20 addictions, teaching them how to rebuild their lives, and giving  
21 them the skills needed to remain sober; services include  
22 residential detoxification and intensive residential treatment, as  
23 well as supportive care that benefits individuals as they move  
24 through the recovery process and search for housing and employment;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Over the course of a half-century, Charlie's Place  
3 Recovery Center has helped over 40,000 Texans reclaim their lives  
4 and work toward a more promising future, and all those associated  
5 with the facility are to be commended for their admirable efforts;  
6 now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby commemorate the 50th anniversary of Charlie's  
9 Place Recovery Center and extend to the center's staff and  
10 supporters sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for Charlie's Place as an expression of high regard by the  
13 Texas House of Representatives.