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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Child Protection Day is taking place at the State  
2 Capitol on April 1, 2015, and this observance provides a fitting  
3 opportunity to recognize The Children's Shelter of San Antonio and  
4 the service that it has provided to young Texans in need; and

5 WHEREAS, Since 1901, The Children's Shelter has offered a  
6 safe harbor for children throughout San Antonio and Bexar County  
7 who have suffered abuse, neglect, and abandonment; this  
8 not-for-profit agency operates a 66-bed emergency shelter where  
9 children can receive around-the-clock medical and psychological  
10 care, and its 36-bed residential treatment center houses youth who  
11 have experienced more serious emotional trauma; all resources are  
12 available at no cost, and its research-based intervention programs  
13 are adapted to the best interests of young victims; and

14 WHEREAS, The staff of The Children's Shelter also coordinates  
15 foster and adoptive family services, which include placing children  
16 in temporary foster homes and assisting couples and individuals who  
17 want to adopt; in addition, the agency works to support parents in  
18 building healthier relationships with their children and offers  
19 counseling for parents who have a son or daughter with special  
20 needs; and

21 WHEREAS, Looking to the future, The Children's Shelter is set  
22 to open a new outpatient facility, the Harvey E. Najim Children's  
23 Hope Center, where clients can access mental health services; the  
24 vision of the center is to emphasize a holistic approach to

1 treatment and to address the root causes of abuse, with the goal of  
2 ultimately breaking the cycle of violence for more families; and

3 WHEREAS, For well over a century, the men and women of The  
4 Children's Shelter have demonstrated a profound commitment to  
5 protecting and caring for young victims of maltreatment and helping  
6 them move on to safe and loving homes, and these efforts have made a  
7 positive difference in the lives of untold numbers of children and  
8 their families; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby honor The Children's Shelter and commend all  
11 those associated with the agency for their dedicated efforts to  
12 transform lives, restore innocence, and strengthen families; and,  
13 be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for The Children's Shelter as an expression of high regard  
16 by the Texas House of Representatives.