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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Corpus Christi is
2 celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2015, and this occasion
3 presents a fitting opportunity to recognize the organization's
4 important work; and

5 WHEREAS, Established in 1990, the Corpus Christi Ronald
6 McDonald House provides assistance to families with critically ill
7 or injured children; it has served as a temporary home for more than
8 22,000 families over the years, allowing parents and siblings who
9 live more than 50 miles away to stay close to a child receiving
10 treatment at a nearby hospital; by keeping families together, the
11 house supports the healing process and improves the hospital
12 experience for young patients; additionally, parents and siblings
13 gain strength and stability by connecting with other residents who
14 are facing similar circumstances; and

15 WHEREAS, The Ronald McDonald House offers 25 private bedrooms
16 that can accommodate up to four people, and volunteers and staff
17 provide scheduled transportation to and from hospitals in the
18 immediate area; indoor and outdoor play areas are available for
19 children of all ages, and special events are scheduled for the
20 benefit of residents; and

21 WHEREAS, The facility is financed through donations and a
22 variety of charitable events, such as Casa de Amor and the Day of
23 Change; residents pay a small fee to help offset costs and give back
24 to the house by taking part in volunteer efforts; individuals and

1 community groups also contribute in various ways, including through
2 the preparation of home-cooked meals for the families; and

3 WHEREAS, For a quarter-century, the Ronald McDonald House of
4 Corpus Christi has fostered a welcoming and supportive environment
5 for the loved ones of sick or injured children, and in so doing, it
6 has enriched the lives of countless families in the Lone Star State;
7 now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
9 Legislature hereby commemorate the 25th anniversary of Ronald
10 McDonald House Charities of Corpus Christi and extend to the
11 organization's staff and volunteers sincere best wishes for the
12 future; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Corpus Christi as
15 an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.