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H.R. No. 2924

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Mosquito Control Division of Harris County
2 Public Health and Environmental Services is marking its 50th
3 anniversary in 2015; and

4 WHEREAS, This critical unit was established in 1965 in
5 response to an outbreak of St. Louis encephalitis in the Harris
6 County area the previous year; originally organized as a county
7 department, Mosquito Control became a division of Harris County
8 Public Health and Environmental Services in 1995; and

9 WHEREAS, Nationally recognized for its efforts, Mosquito
10 Control was the first group to document the existence of the Asian
11 tiger mosquito in the continental United States, a discovery it
12 made in 1985; the division employs sophisticated research methods
13 and technologies to prevent and control a wide array of ailments
14 spread by mosquitos, such as West Nile virus, St. Louis
15 encephalitis, dengue fever, and chikungunya; moreover, the unit has
16 partnered with a number of entities, including universities, the
17 Houston Museum of Natural Science, and the Centers for Disease
18 Control and Prevention, to find effective ways to deal with
19 mosquito-borne diseases and the risks they pose to public health;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Mosquito Control Division
22 has contributed significantly to protecting the health and
23 well-being of Harris County residents, and it is indeed fitting
24 that the division's staff be commended on their outstanding work;

1 now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
3 Legislature hereby commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Mosquito
4 Control Division of Harris County Public Health and Environmental
5 Services and extend to its staff sincere best wishes for continued
6 success; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for the Mosquito Control Division as an expression of high
9 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.