

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Penny Seay is retiring as executive director of the  
2 Texas Center for Disability Studies at The University of Texas at  
3 Austin in September 2015, concluding an exemplary tenure that has  
4 spanned more than a quarter-century; and

5           WHEREAS, When the center was founded in 1989, Dr. Seay was  
6 named project coordinator, and she became executive director four  
7 years later; under her guidance, the center has been awarded more  
8 than \$35 million from federal, state, local, and foundation sources  
9 to conduct training, research, and evaluation projects in areas  
10 that affect people with disabilities and their families; and

11           WHEREAS, Dr. Seay also serves as codirector of the Institute  
12 for Person-Centered Practices, a collaboration between the Texas  
13 Center for Disability Studies and the Texas A&M University Center  
14 on Disability and Development, which are both University Centers  
15 for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research,  
16 and Service; since 1992, she has served as principal investigator  
17 of the Texas Technology Access Program; she is a longtime member of  
18 the Texas Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities, and she  
19 has served the Association of University Centers on Disabilities in  
20 a number of key roles, including president; she holds a bachelor's  
21 degree in elementary education and a master's degree in special  
22 education from the University of Kansas, and she completed her  
23 doctoral degree in special education at The University of Texas at  
24 Austin; and

1           WHEREAS, Over the course of her noteworthy career, Penny Seay  
2 has distinguished herself through her leadership, vision, and  
3 dedication, and she has earned the lasting respect and admiration  
4 of her colleagues; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Penny Seay on the occasion of her  
7 retirement as executive director of the Texas Center for Disability  
8 Studies and that she be extended sincere best wishes for the future;  
9 and, be it further

10          RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for Dr. Seay as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
12 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 3161

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 3161 was adopted by the House on May 29, 2015, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House