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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.