

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 534**

**WHEREAS**, CentroMed excels in its mission of providing comprehensive, quality medical services for residents of Bexar County; and

**WHEREAS**, Established in 1973 as El Centro del Barrio, the program was initially a counseling service for children and adolescents; today a Federally Qualified Health Center, CentroMed manages 23 clinics throughout Bexar and Comal Counties, where its largely bilingual staff works to address the needs of low-income, uninsured, and medically underserved families; no patient is denied care based on ability to pay, and uninsured and ineligible clients are charged a reasonable sliding-scale fee to help cover the cost of operation; and

**WHEREAS**, CentroMed is unique among Federally Qualified Health Centers in the volume of clients who are treated at its clinics; in 2014 alone, more than 71,000 patients received care from CentroMed, 95 percent of whom lived below the federal poverty line; its continued success in meeting this high demand is made possible in part by funding support and by partnerships with state indigent health programs, with agencies like the Texas Department of State Health Services, and with several area universities, hospitals, and homeless shelters; through the medical help it offers to persons experiencing homelessness at the Haven for Hope Transitional Campus near downtown San Antonio, CentroMed is also the only Health Care for the Homeless grantee in Bexar County; and

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**WHEREAS**, A trusted resource for countless area Texans, CentroMed has made inestimable contributions to the health and well-being of a vulnerable population in the region, and it is fitting to commend the institution's dedicated staff and community partners for their collective efforts; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby recognize CentroMed for its exceptional service to the community and extend to all those associated with CentroMed sincere best wishes for continued success in their vital endeavors; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for CentroMed as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Menéndez, Uresti

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 13, 2015.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate

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