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H.R. No. 225

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Health centers play a vital role in the communities
2 they serve by delivering high quality, cost-effective, and
3 accessible primary and preventive care to all patients, regardless
4 of their ability to pay; and

5 WHEREAS, Located in medically underserved areas, health
6 centers are the principal source of care for over 24 million
7 Americans; through more than 9,000 delivery sites across the
8 nation, these facilities provide treatment to 1 out of every 13
9 people living in the United States, and every center is governed by
10 locally controlled patient-majority boards, making them responsive
11 to the individual needs of their community; and

12 WHEREAS, Texas community health centers care for more than
13 1.2 million people at over 450 delivery sites in 122 counties; in
14 addition, these centers employ more than 9,500 Texans on a
15 full-time equivalent basis and generate over \$1.4 billion in
16 economic activity each year; and

17 WHEREAS, Established in 1973, United Medical Centers
18 annually help to meet the needs of nearly 30,000 patients in Eagle
19 Pass, Del Rio, Brackettville, and surrounding areas; UMC clinics
20 offer a broad range of services, including pediatric care, family
21 medicine, well-woman and obstetric care, dentistry, laboratory and
22 radiology, family planning, nutrition counseling, pharmacy, and
23 more, which are provided on a sliding fee scale to ensure that no
24 patient is ever turned away due to lack of funds; and

1 WHEREAS, The occasion of National Health Center Week on
2 August 13-19, 2017, represents a welcome opportunity to honor
3 United Medical Centers and the many dedicated staff and board
4 members who have contributed greatly to its mission to build
5 stronger, healthier communities; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
7 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby honor the staff and
8 leadership of United Medical Centers on the occasion of National
9 Health Center Week 2017, and extend to all those associated with UMC
10 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for United Medical Centers as an expression of high regard
13 by the Texas House of Representatives.