

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Serena K. Formby-Condon has demonstrated grace and  
2 resilience during her nearly decade-long recovery from a traumatic  
3 brain injury; and

4 WHEREAS, A former employee of the Texas Legislative Council,  
5 Ms. Formby-Condon worked as a computer consultant from 1995 to  
6 2009; she provided computer support to members of the Texas  
7 Legislature through several legislative sessions, in addition to  
8 contributing her skills as a graphic designer at various times and  
9 serving as web administrator for the council's Computer Support  
10 Center; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Formby-Condon had been dealing with recurring  
12 headaches when, on a holiday vacation in Grand Cayman on December  
13 23, 2007, she suddenly collapsed in the home of her friend, Sonja  
14 Guenter; she was rushed to a hospital, where she was found to be  
15 suffering from a severe brain hemorrhage, and arrangements were  
16 made to fly her by air ambulance to Miami Regional Hospital in  
17 Florida; there, she was kept in a medically induced coma for two  
18 weeks as doctors battled to save her life; and

19 WHEREAS, After awakening from her coma, Ms. Formby-Condon  
20 learned that she had experienced a basal ganglia hemorrhage, a form  
21 of stroke that is fatal in 97 percent of reported cases; her  
22 survival was hailed as a miracle by the intensive care nurses who  
23 treated her, and she went on to undergo several months of physical  
24 therapy at St. David's Rehabilitation Hospital in Austin; while

1 there, she received the support and guidance of a team of therapists  
2 that included John Cooper, Beth Bostick, Trish Ann Montoya,  
3 Stephanie Coker, Bob Whitford, and Michael Burrows, and thanks in  
4 large part to their efforts, she continues to take hopeful steps  
5 toward regaining her balance and short-term memory; and

6 WHEREAS, Today, Ms. Formby-Condon serves as a board member of  
7 the Texas Brain Injury Alliance and as a member of the Strategic  
8 Planning Committee for the Brain Injury Association of America, and  
9 she communicates daily with survivors, family members, and  
10 caregivers from all over the world as the administrator of an online  
11 traumatic brain injury support group; comforted and sustained by  
12 her faith, she is also blessed in all her endeavors with the love  
13 and partnership of her husband, Mark Condon; and

14 WHEREAS, Having overcome tremendous odds, Serena  
15 Formby-Condon continues to inspire all who know her with her  
16 commitment to promoting awareness and support for victims of  
17 life-threatening brain injuries, and she is indeed deserving of our  
18 heartfelt commendation; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
20 Legislature hereby honor Serena K. Formby-Condon on the occasion of  
21 National Brain Injury Awareness Month in March 2017, recognize  
22 March 18 as Brain Injury Awareness Day, and extend to  
23 Ms. Formby-Condon sincere best wishes for her ongoing recovery;  
24 and, be it further

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1           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
2 prepared for her as an expression of high regard by the Texas House  
3 of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 31 was adopted by the House on  
February 23, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House