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H.R. No. 31

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

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
26 prepared for her as an expression of high regard by the Texas House
27 of Representatives.