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H.R. No. 230

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Project Vida has completed its 25th year of serving
2 communities in need, and the attainment of this milestone presents
3 a fitting opportunity to celebrate the many contributions this
4 notable organization has made to the betterment of El Paso; and

5 WHEREAS, An initiative of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church
6 and the Presbyterian Church USA, Project Vida opened its doors in
7 1991 in a small adobe house in the Chamizal area; the first order of
8 business was to hold Community Congresses, gatherings where
9 residents of the neighborhood met to identify their needs and to
10 discuss ways those needs might be met; and

11 WHEREAS, In the years since, Project Vida's area of service
12 has expanded to include Northeast El Paso, the Mission Valley, the
13 colonias in Montana Vista and Agua Dulce, and Hudspeth County; and

14 WHEREAS, Still driven by community input, Project Vida has
15 established 13 primary care medical clinics and a range of health
16 care initiatives, among them dental and behavioral health care and
17 diabetes self-management; other vital programs include child care,
18 early childhood education, parenting education, and youth
19 development, as well as homelessness prevention and recovery, the
20 provision of affordable housing, and microenterprise technical
21 assistance; and

22 WHEREAS, Throughout its history, Project Vida has benefited
23 from generous Community Development Block Grant funding from the
24 City of El Paso, and it has also brought millions of dollars into

1 the city from the federal and state governments, private
2 philanthropy, and public-private partnerships; and

3 WHEREAS, For a quarter of a century, Project Vida has worked
4 closely with the community to combat the causes and consequences of
5 poverty and to provide the people of El Paso with comprehensive
6 services to improve their health and quality of life; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Project Vida on its 25 years of
10 service and extend to its staff and affiliates sincere best wishes
11 for continued success in their important work; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Project Vida as an expression of high regard by the
14 Texas House of Representatives.