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H.R. No. 487

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Since 1991, the Caring for Children Foundation of
2 Texas has worked to provide free and low-cost access to primary and
3 preventive health care to the uninsured and medically underserved
4 children of Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, From 1991 through 1997, the Caring for Children
6 Program addressed the needs of more than 8,000 uninsured Texas
7 children for well and sick care physician visits, outpatient
8 surgeries, lab tests, and prescription medicines; and

9 WHEREAS, The foundation went on to launch the Care Van
10 Program in 1997 to help expand access to immunizations;
11 collaborating with local health departments, immunization
12 coalitions, and volunteers, the Care Van fleet visits schools,
13 churches, restaurants, shopping malls, and community events, and to
14 date, the program has provided over 1.3 million immunizations to
15 more than 850,000 children in need; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2008, the Care Van Program established an oral
17 health initiative in partnership with the Texas Department of State
18 Health Services and local health departments and organizations; to
19 date, over 275,000 economically underprivileged children have been
20 able to receive basic dental exams and dental sealants; and

21 WHEREAS, These vital efforts are made possible through the
22 support of the foundation's primary statewide sponsor, Blue Cross
23 Blue Shield of Texas, which covers 100 percent of the foundation's
24 administrative expenses; and

1 WHEREAS, For a quarter of a century, the Caring for Children
2 Foundation of Texas has helped to connect our state's most
3 vulnerable young residents with essential health services, and in
4 so doing, it has helped to shape a brighter future for all Texans;
5 now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
7 Legislature hereby congratulate the Caring for Children Foundation
8 of Texas on its 25th anniversary and extend to all those associated
9 with the foundation sincere best wishes for continued success with
10 their important work; and, be it further

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