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H.R. No. 1364

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Inspire, Encourage, Achieve of Beaumont is  
2 celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2017; and

3 WHEREAS, Founded by Regina Rogers and the late Julie Rogers  
4 in 1997, IEA is dedicated to aiding underprivileged youth who have  
5 been involved in the juvenile justice system; it operates in  
6 partnership with the Jefferson County Juvenile Probation  
7 Department to reduce recidivism rates among juvenile offenders in  
8 Southeast Texas; the organization serves more than 350 youths  
9 annually through its programming in both Jefferson County's Minnie  
10 Rogers Juvenile Justice Center and its own Ben's Kids outreach to  
11 youth on probation; and

12 WHEREAS, IEA works to provide appropriate assistance to  
13 children in the justice system, many of whom have suffered abuse and  
14 neglect, endured the absence of a parent, or struggled with  
15 learning disabilities; through cross-system collaborations, the  
16 organization promotes character development, healthy lifestyle  
17 choices, and improved relationships with family members,  
18 caregivers, law enforcement, school officials, and other  
19 individuals who can assist children in surmounting difficult  
20 circumstances; and

21 WHEREAS, Among other services, IEA offers caregiver support,  
22 mental health counseling, case management, mentoring, literacy  
23 instruction, transportation, job training, tutoring, and a  
24 six-week summer learning program; its therapeutic, comprehensive

1 response to crime and delinquency has resulted in a significant  
2 reduction in recidivism during juvenile probation; and

3 WHEREAS, For the past two decades, IEA has enabled vulnerable  
4 young people to find better pathways in life, and by helping them  
5 build a brighter future as happy, productive citizens, it has  
6 strengthened communities across Southeast Texas; now, therefore,  
7 be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby commemorate the 20th anniversary of Inspire,  
10 Encourage, Achieve and extend to all those associated with the  
11 organization sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it  
12 further

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