

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Staff members of the Travis County Mental Health
2 Public Defender office are observing the 10th anniversary of its
3 establishment in 2017; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded in April 2007, the Travis County MHPD was
5 the nation's first stand-alone public defender's office dedicated
6 to serving clients with mental health issues; and

7 WHEREAS, Originally established with a grant from the Texas
8 Indigent Defense Commission, the MHPD represents indigent
9 individuals who have been charged with a misdemeanor in Travis
10 County and who have been diagnosed with a mental illness such as
11 schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, major depression, or
12 schizoaffective disorder; and

13 WHEREAS, The MHPD is staffed with specially trained
14 attorneys, social workers, case workers, and support staff, all of
15 whom are dedicated public servants tasked with providing legal
16 representation and case management for their clients; the office
17 has grown in size and scope since it was founded, and it continues
18 to provide crucial and innovative services to the community; and

19 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of director Melissa McRoy
20 Shearer, the men and women of the Travis County MHPD advocate
21 tirelessly for their clients, working to ensure that their rights
22 are upheld and that they are treated with dignity and respect; now,
23 therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Travis
2 County Mental Health Public Defender office and extend to its staff
3 sincere best wishes for continued success in their important work;
4 and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for the Travis County MHPD office as an expression of high
7 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

Hinojosa
Workman
Rodriguez of Travis
Howard
Israel

Straus	Goldman	Oliverson
Allen	Gonzales of Williamson	Ortega
Alonzo	González of El Paso	Paddie
Alvarado	Gooden	Parker
Anchia	Guerra	Paul
Anderson of Dallas	Guillen	Perez
Anderson of McLennan	Gutierrez	Phelan
Arévalo	Hefner	Phillips
Ashby	Hernandez	Pickett
Bailes	Herrero	Price
Bell	Hinojosa	Raney
Bernal	Holland	Raymond
Biedermann	Howard	Reynolds
Blanco	Huberty	Rinaldi
Bohac	Hunter	Roberts
Bonnen of Brazoria	Isaac	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Israel	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Burrows	Kacal	Sanford
Button	Keough	Schaefer
Cain	King of Hemphill	Schofield
Canales	King of Parker	Schubert
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Clardy	Klick	Sheffield
Coleman	Koop	Shine
Collier	Krause	Simmons
Cook	Kuempel	Smithee
Cortez	Lambert	Springer
Cosper	Landgraf	Stephenson
Craddick	Lang	Stickland
Cyrier	Larson	Stucky
Dale	Laubenberg	Swanson
Darby	Leach	Thierry
Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Thompson of Brazoria
Davis of Harris	Lozano	Thompson of Harris
Dean	Lucio III	Tinderholt
Deshotel	Martinez	Turner
Dukes	Metcalf	Uresti
Dutton	Meyer	VanDeaver
Elkins	Miller	Villalba
Faircloth	Minjarez	Vo
Fallon	Moody	Walle
Farrar	Morrison	White
Flynn	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Frank	Murphy	Workman
Frullo	Murr	Wray
Geren	Neave	Wu
Gervin-Hawkins	Nevárez	Zedler
Giddings	Oliveira	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1400 was adopted by the House on April 26, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House