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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Sharon Butterworth of El Paso is receiving the Texas
2 Impact Award from Mental Health America of Texas at the group's
3 annual dinner in Austin on May 5, 2017; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of El Paso and a retired management
5 professional, Ms. Butterworth has devoted much of her time, energy,
6 and expertise over the years to advocating for improved access to
7 mental health care in the Lone Star State; and

8 WHEREAS, This dynamic woman is currently chair-elect of the
9 Paso del Norte Health Foundation and chair of the El Paso Behavioral
10 Health Consortium, and she has served as chair of the Texas
11 Department of Aging and Disability Services board; she was
12 appointed by Governor George Bush to the board of the Texas
13 Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, where she was
14 vice chair, and by Governor Rick Perry to the Texas Health and Human
15 Services Council; and

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Butterworth has also held membership on the
17 boards of the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute, the Brain
18 Trust, the Southwestern Children's Home Trust, and the J. Edward
19 and Helen M. C. Stern Foundation; she is a former chair of the El
20 Paso County United Way board and a past president of the Junior
21 League of El Paso; her accolades include the Lone Star Award from
22 the Association of Substance Abuse Programs, the Women of Impact
23 Award from El Paso Inc., and induction into the El Paso Commission
24 for Women Hall of Fame; and

1 WHEREAS, Thanks to her efforts to eliminate the stigma that
2 surrounds mental illness, Sharon Butterworth has been an important
3 voice for those who cannot always speak for themselves, and she is
4 truly deserving of this special honor; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Sharon Butterworth on receiving
7 the Texas Impact Award from Mental Health America of Texas and
8 extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success in her
9 important work; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Ms. Butterworth as an expression of high regard by the
12 Texas House of Representatives.