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H.R. No. 2330

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, During a recent water emergency in Corpus Christi,
2 the men and women of the San Antonio Water System provided crucial
3 assistance to their fellow Texans in need; and

4 WHEREAS, In mid-December 2016, the use of water from the
5 public utility of Corpus Christi was banned for fear of
6 contamination by industrial chemicals, and for four days, some
7 330,000 area residents could not use tap water to drink, cook,
8 bathe, or wash their clothes; and

9 WHEREAS, In response to this dire situation, SAWS joined
10 other organizations and communities from across the state and
11 beyond to help; and

12 WHEREAS, Over the course of the crisis, SAWS provided two
13 tanker trucks for the Driscoll Children's Hospital, one providing
14 clean water to keep the intensive care and dialysis units running,
15 while the other ran back and forth to San Antonio to resupply it;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, In addition, crews from SAWS assisted in flushing
18 the city's water system to clear it of potential contaminants; each
19 team worked its regular shift in San Antonio, then drove to Corpus
20 Christi afterward to work through the night; and

21 WHEREAS, When the welfare of their neighbors to the south was
22 in jeopardy, the employees of SAWS came to their aid with
23 generosity, skill, and expedience, and they are truly deserving of
24 special recognition; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
2 Legislature hereby commend the San Antonio Water System for its
3 efforts in behalf of the people of Corpus Christi and extend sincere
4 gratitude to all those who gave so generously of their time,
5 expertise, and energy to this endeavor, including chair of the SAWS
6 Board of Trustees Berto Guerra, SAWS CEO Robert R. Puente, San
7 Antonio mayor Ivy Taylor, Monty McGuffin, Tom Gonzales, Adolph
8 Pacheco, Joseph Rangel, Shawn Dorn, Jesus Ramon, Antonio Aguilar,
9 Ernest Tijerina, and Erick Salazar; and, be it further

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