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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Mary Louise Smith of Pflugerville is celebrating her retirement from Texas Health and Human Services on March 28, 2019, providing a fitting opportunity to reflect on the contributions of this esteemed health care professional; and

WHEREAS, A native of Houston, Ms. Smith began her career with the state as a registered psychiatric nurse at Austin State Hospital, where she was well regarded for her compassion and communication skills as she cared for chronically mentally ill and hearing impaired patients; she later moved to the Regulatory Division of the Texas Department of State Health Services to work as a nurse consultant in health facility licensing; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith went on to serve as a nurse surveyor with Texas Health and Human Services, and in that role, she has conducted compliance surveys and complaint investigations in health care facilities statewide; in the course of her tenure, her wealth of knowledge and exceptional leadership have garnered her the respect and admiration of her colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Mary Louise Smith's dedication, professionalism, and commitment to excellence have greatly benefited her fellow Texans, and she may indeed reflect with pride on a career well spent as she embarks on the next exciting chapter of her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Mary Louise Smith on her retirement from Texas Health and Human Services and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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