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H.C.R. No. 165

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Ramona Aytes Thomas of Midland is retiring as chief  
2 executive officer of PermianCare on June 3, 2019, drawing to a close  
3 a notable career with that organization that has spanned nearly  
4 three decades; and

5           WHEREAS, Ramona Thomas began her employment with PermianCare,  
6 formerly Permian Basin Community Centers, on September 24, 1990, as  
7 a staff accountant; she was subsequently promoted to director of  
8 finance and then chief financial officer; in April 2003, she was  
9 named deputy executive director, and she took on her role as CEO on  
10 November 1, 2014; among her many achievements, she moved millions  
11 of dollars of the Center's fee-for-service Medicaid billing revenue  
12 from traditional Medicaid into an alternative managed care  
13 environment, and she was instrumental in expanding funding to  
14 provide critical services to persons with mental illness and  
15 substance use disorder; in addition, she has been actively involved  
16 with the Midland Behavioral Health Initiative; and

17           WHEREAS, During her tenure, Ms. Thomas has served the Texas  
18 Community Center system and the Texas Council of Community Centers  
19 in a number of capacities, including as chair of the Texas Council  
20 of Community Centers Chief Financial Officer Association and as CEO  
21 liaison to the CFO Consortium; moreover, she has been a member of  
22 the Retirement Advisory Committee for ISC Group, the Revenue  
23 Maximization Committee, the Contract and Fiscal Imperatives  
24 Committee, and the MH and IDD Performance Contracts Committee; and

1           WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to her community, Ms. Thomas has  
2 given freely of her time and talents to such organizations as the  
3 Rotary Club, Leadership Midland, and the Midland Behavioral Health  
4 Leadership Team; she has also been involved with United Way of  
5 Midland for many years, serving as a board member, chair of the  
6 community impact division, assistant treasurer, and treasurer; and

7           WHEREAS, Through her dedication, professionalism, and  
8 commitment to excellence, Ramona Thomas has greatly benefited  
9 PermianCare and her fellow Texans, and she may indeed reflect with  
10 pride on a career well spent as she embarks on the next exciting  
11 chapter of her life; now, therefore, be it

12           RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas  
13 hereby congratulate Ramona Aytes Thomas on her retirement as CEO of  
14 PermianCare and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future;  
15 and, be it further

16           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for Ms. Thomas as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
18 House of Representatives and Senate.