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H.R. No. 399

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The members of the McComb family of Austin have set
2 an inspiring example for their fellow Texans through their
3 dedicated efforts to assist arthritis sufferers and other patients
4 undergoing treatment for serious medical conditions; and

5 WHEREAS, Angela and Chris McComb are the devoted parents of
6 three children, Clay, Molly, and AnneMarie; after Molly and
7 AnneMarie were diagnosed with juvenile idiopathic arthritis, the
8 couple made it their mission to speak out for their children and
9 other vulnerable patients, which has led to their service as
10 Arthritis Ambassadors for the Arthritis Foundation; along the way,
11 the family has helped raise thousands of dollars for the
12 foundation's Arthritis Walk in Austin, and at 12 years of age, Molly
13 had the distinction of being named the Arthritis Walk Hero for that
14 event in 2012; and

15 WHEREAS, During the 85th Legislative Session in 2017, the
16 McCombs played an important role in the successful effort to pass
17 Senate Bill 680; that legislation regulates the use of the
18 insurance practice known as step therapy, wherein patients are
19 forced to test the effectiveness of cheaper, alternative
20 prescription drugs before insurers will cover the costs of
21 medications originally recommended by their doctors; in an
22 editorial that was published in the *Austin American-Statesman* on
23 March 21, 2017, Angela McComb shared her family's difficult
24 experiences with step therapy, which negatively impacted the

1 children's comfort and medical stability; on May 23 of that year,
2 S.B. 680 was signed into law by Governor Greg Abbott; and

3 WHEREAS, Through their passionate pursuit of a vital cause,
4 the McCombs have demonstrated the power of grassroots activism to
5 effect meaningful change in our state, and their contributions have
6 made a difference in the lives of countless Texas families like
7 their own; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
9 Legislature hereby honor the members of the McComb family for their
10 exemplary achievements as health-care and patients'-rights
11 advocates and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued
12 success with their commendable work; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for the family as an expression of high regard by the Texas
15 House of Representatives.