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H.R. No. 1182

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, April Leming stepped down as executive director of
2 The Bridge Children's Advocacy Center in Amarillo on July 28, 2018,
3 drawing to a close more than 24 years of dedicated service to that
4 organization; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Leming first joined the staff of The Bridge
6 Children's Advocacy Center in March 1994; a licensed social worker,
7 she served as a managing interviewer and facilitator as part of its
8 case management team for a decade and a half; in February 2009, she
9 was selected to lead the organization as its executive director, a
10 position she held for nine years; and

11 WHEREAS, Along the way, Ms. Leming served the Children's
12 Advocacy Centers of Texas as a contract trainer from 2001 to 2011,
13 as a member of the executive director committee from 2010 to 2016,
14 and as a member of the board of directors; she has further
15 contributed her time and expertise to the Criminal Justice Advisory
16 Council, the Executive Director Leadership Circle, and the
17 Panhandle Regional Law Enforcement Academy Criminal Justice
18 Programs; in addition, she is a former presiding officer for the
19 Panhandle Child Fatality Review Team, and she previously managed
20 several local programs, including the Panhandle Safe Kids Coalition
21 and the Community Resource Coordination Group; she is also a
22 founding board member of the Court Appointed Special Advocates; and

23 WHEREAS, Ms. Leming has been honored on many occasions with
24 such accolades as the 2015 Partners in Courage Award from the

1 Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas and the 2013 Community Builder
2 Award from the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas; she left The Bridge to
3 accept a new opportunity as the AmeriCorps executive director for
4 the Amarillo Independent School District; and

5 WHEREAS, Through her skill, professionalism, and deep
6 concern for the welfare of young Texans, April Leming has greatly
7 advanced the vital mission of The Bridge Children's Advocacy
8 Center, and the impact of her many contributions will be felt for
9 years to come; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
11 Legislature hereby commend April Leming for her longtime service to
12 The Bridge Children's Advocacy Center and extend to her sincere
13 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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