

By: Flynn

H.R. No. 1464

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Sandy Hilliard of Canton is stepping down in 2019 as
2 president of the Region 4 Child Welfare Board and as vice president
3 of the Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards, drawing to a close
4 more than two decades of exemplary volunteer service with the
5 state's foster care programs; and

6 WHEREAS, A longtime champion for foster children,
7 Ms. Hilliard has made a positive difference in the lives of
8 countless young Texans; she has served for five years as president
9 of the Region 4 CWB, which is made up of 23 counties in East Texas,
10 and for two years as vice president of the TCCWB, which oversees all
11 254 county welfare boards in the state; moreover, she was a member
12 of the Van Zandt County CWB for two decades, and in her work as a
13 court appointed special advocate in Van Zandt County, she helped
14 facilitate the adoption of 11 children; and

15 WHEREAS, This caring woman's other community contributions
16 include serving for 18 years on the Tri-County Selective Service
17 Board, which covers Kaufman, Rockwall, and Van Zandt Counties; in
18 addition, she was a member of the Cancer Board of Van Zandt County
19 for three years, serving as chair of the county's first two Relays
20 for Life; for 45 years, she has performed as "Mrs. Claus" at holiday
21 celebrations; and

22 WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous honors, Ms. Hilliard has
23 been recognized as Woman of the Year by the Canton Chamber of
24 Commerce, as Woman of the Year by Van Zandt County, as Volunteer of

1 the Year by the Van Zandt County CWB, as Child Welfare Board Member
2 Volunteer of the Year for Region 4, as State Volunteer of the Year
3 by the TCCWB, and as Citizen of the Year by the East Texas Council of
4 Governments; and

5 WHEREAS, In all her endeavors, Ms. Hilliard enjoys the love
6 and support of her husband, Cary Hilliard, and she takes great pride
7 in her two children, her four grandchildren, and her
8 great-granddaughter; and

9 WHEREAS, Texas is fortunate to have such compassionate and
10 engaged residents as Sandy Hilliard, whose history of volunteerism
11 is an inspiration to all who know her; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
13 Legislature hereby commend Sandy Hilliard for her 20 years of
14 volunteer service with the state's foster care programs and extend
15 to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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