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H.R. No. 413

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Estela Casas has greatly advanced the important
2 mission of the University Medical Center Foundation and El Paso
3 Children's Hospital Foundation through her tireless efforts; and

4 WHEREAS, Since January 2020, Ms. Casas has served as
5 executive director of the UMC Foundation, a component of the El Paso
6 County Hospital District; she began her association with the
7 organization as a benefactor, raising funds to assist cancer
8 patients; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Casas enjoys a high profile in El Paso, having
10 been the primary news anchor for television station KVIA for 27
11 years; earlier in her career, she worked at three other stations in
12 the city; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2010, Ms. Casas was diagnosed with thyroid
14 cancer, and seven years later, she was treated for bilateral breast
15 cancer; she shared her experiences to raise awareness and to
16 provide hope and valuable information to patients dealing with
17 similar challenges; and

18 WHEREAS, Ms. Casas also used her platform to encourage
19 support for medical research and for the most vulnerable people
20 battling breast cancer; she launched the Stand With Estela Fund,
21 which provides resources to meet a variety of needs, such as
22 compression sleeves, wigs, or transportation to and from
23 chemotherapy appointments; in addition, the organization has
24 sponsored such events as a drive-through health fair, and it

1 pledged \$100,000 to the UMC Foundation, which named the Estela
2 Casas Infusion Center for Hope & Healing in honor of the
3 philanthropist; and

4 WHEREAS, An inspiring leader, Estela Casas has greatly
5 benefited University Medical Center and the community it serves,
6 and she has earned the deep admiration and appreciation of her
7 fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
9 Legislature hereby commend Estela Casas for her exceptional
10 contributions to the University Medical Center Foundation and El
11 Paso Children's Hospital Foundation and extend to her sincere best
12 wishes for continued success in her important work; and, be it
13 further

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