SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 559

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Webb County Specialty Drug Courts for helping to restore the lives of families in the community; and

WHEREAS, Drug treatment courts serve as a cornerstone for the justice reform currently sweeping the nation; the specialty courts are recognized for being highly successful systems of justice, as they significantly reduce crime and improve outcomes for those with substance abuse disorders; and

WHEREAS, More than 1.5 million individuals have been served through the nation's network of nearly 4,000 treatment courts; Webb County is host to three of those courts, the DWI Court Program, the Drug Court Program, and the Veterans Treatment Court Program; and

WHEREAS, These specialty courts have notably reduced the rates of addiction and addiction-related crimes and have improved individual outcomes in areas that include education, employment, housing, and financial stability; the programs have also promoted family reunification and have led to an increase in the number of babies born drug-free; and

WHEREAS, Drug treatment courts help to facilitate community partnerships that bring together professionals in both public safety and public health to the benefit of individuals, families, and the greater community; all who have contributed to the success of the Webb County Specialty Drug Courts are indeed deserving of special recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby commend the staff and partners of the Webb County Specialty Drug Courts for their valuable service to citizens and extend to them best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for these courts as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 30, 2021.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate