

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Children's Emergency Relief International hosted a
2 dedication ceremony on August 15, 2025, for the naming of its new
3 Austin headquarters in honor of former Texas state representative
4 George Malcolm Cowden; and

5 WHEREAS, CERI partners with communities and governments
6 around the world to meet the basic needs of children by providing
7 them with food, clean water, and safe homes; furthermore, the
8 nonprofit supports families and individuals through such
9 initiatives as counseling, educational programs, life skills
10 training, and women's empowerment classes; and

11 WHEREAS, George Cowden achieved great distinction during his
12 years of service to the State of Texas; earning widespread respect
13 in a variety of roles, he held elected office in the Texas House of
14 Representatives from 1963 to 1966, served as first assistant
15 attorney general, and chaired the Texas Board of Insurance and the
16 Public Utility Commission of Texas; and

17 WHEREAS, Following his graduation from Baylor University Law
18 School, Mr. Cowden went on to become a trustee at his alma mater as
19 well as director of the Baptist Foundation of Texas; he is a
20 longtime resident of Austin, where he distinguished himself through
21 his work at the Naman, Howell, Smith and Lee law firm; and

22 WHEREAS, A man of integrity, faith, and principled
23 leadership, George Cowden has long embodied the highest ideals of
24 public service, and the naming of this CERI facility in his honor

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1 represents a fitting tribute to his exceptional record of
2 achievement; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas,
4 2nd Called Session, hereby commemorate the dedication of the
5 Children's Emergency Relief International George M. Cowden
6 Building and extend to Mr. Cowden sincere appreciation for his
7 myriad contributions to his fellow citizens; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for George Cowden as an expression of high regard by the
10 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 3 was adopted by the House on August 27, 2025, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 3 was adopted by the Senate on September 4, 2025, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor