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H.R. No. 243

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Shelley Smith, the longtime chief executive officer  
2 of West Texas Centers in Big Spring, retired on July 12, 2024, after  
3 40 years of dedicated service to the community mental health  
4 center; and

5           WHEREAS, Ms. Smith accepted the role of CEO in May 1996;  
6 under her guidance, the center experienced significant growth, and  
7 it continues to be a major regional provider of services related to  
8 mental health and intellectual and developmental disabilities,  
9 including an early childhood intervention program; and

10           WHEREAS, Today, West Texas Centers serves a 23-county area,  
11 employs nearly 325 people, and treats more than 2,000 patients and  
12 their families every month at 35 locations; throughout her tenure  
13 as CEO, Ms. Smith kept the well-being of the organization's clients  
14 at the forefront of her decision-making, and she set an inspiring  
15 example for staff through her exemplary work ethic and unwavering  
16 compassion; and

17           WHEREAS, Over the past four decades, Shelley Smith made a  
18 meaningful difference in the lives of the individuals and families  
19 served by West Texas Centers, and she may indeed reflect with pride  
20 on her contributions as she embarks on a well-deserved retirement;  
21 now, therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
23 Legislature hereby honor Shelley Smith on the occasion of her  
24 retirement as CEO of West Texas Centers and extend to her sincere

1 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

2           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
3 prepared for Ms. Smith as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
4 House of Representatives.