

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1        WHEREAS, Haven for Hope of Bexar County commemorated its  
2 first full year of service in April 2009, providing a fitting  
3 opportunity to recognize this noteworthy institution; and

4        WHEREAS, San Antonio city officials began working on the  
5 plans for Haven for Hope in 2006, when Mayor Phil Hardberger  
6 launched the Community Council to End Homelessness; after extensive  
7 research, the group concluded that treating the root causes of  
8 homelessness with a wide array of social services in a single,  
9 central location was the most successful approach; thus, in  
10 November of that year, Haven for Hope was formed as an independent  
11 nonprofit organization that would later evolve into a multiservice  
12 campus offering education, job training, child care, medical and  
13 substance abuse treatment, and much more; and

14       WHEREAS, To meet the needs of the homeless community in Bexar  
15 County, Haven for Hope has developed into a comprehensive and  
16 efficient institution that works with more than 70 partner agencies  
17 to help homeless individuals and families become self-sufficient;  
18 the organization also seeks to reduce the number of homeless  
19 individuals in the criminal justice and public health systems and  
20 to remain a sustainable and cost-effective program, and it has  
21 distinguished itself as a model for similar initiatives across  
22 Texas; and

23       WHEREAS, Today, the 1,000-bed Haven for Hope facility sits on  
24 a 37-acre campus adjacent to San Antonio's Central Business

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1 District; in addition to its initial year of service, Haven for Hope  
2 is marking the first anniversary of its mental health and substance  
3 abuse treatment clinic, which operates in conjunction with the  
4 Center for Healthcare Services and was the first of 15 buildings to  
5 open its doors on the Haven for Hope campus; and

6 WHEREAS, The year 2009 has also brought the establishment of  
7 new programs, including a dental clinic with the support of San  
8 Antonio Christian Dental Clinic and medical services through  
9 CentroMed, a federally subsidized health center; moreover, the  
10 institution has built partnerships with Benevolence Works to offer  
11 social security income payee services and with San Antonio Prevent  
12 Blindness and I Care San Antonio to provide vision care; and

13 WHEREAS, Haven for Hope is committed to improving the quality  
14 of life for area Texans, and its outstanding efforts are benefiting  
15 the greater community in myriad ways; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas  
17 hereby honor Haven for Hope on its first year of service in San  
18 Antonio and extend to all those associated with the institution  
19 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
21 prepared for Haven for Hope as an expression of high regard by the  
22 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.