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H. RES. 930

Supporting the goals and ideals of the 20th anniversary celebration of the Harris County Hospital District's Thomas Street Health Center, which coincides with World AIDS Day.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of the 20th anniversary celebration of the Harris County Hospital District's Thomas Street Health Center, which coincides with World AIDS Day.

Whereas the Harris County Hospital District has a long history of treating and caring for patients with HIV/AIDS, even before researchers could identify the virus in 1981;

Whereas the Harris County Hospital District is celebrating the 20th anniversary of Thomas Street Health Center, opened in May 1989, at the time becoming the first free-standing HIV/AIDS facility in the United States;

Whereas World AIDS Day has been observed every year worldwide since December 1, 1988, as a day for the

international community to raise awareness about HIV and AIDS;

Whereas this year's World AIDS Day observance, and the commemoration of the 20th anniversary of Thomas Street Health Center, are great opportunities to raise awareness about the deadly virus of HIV and the AIDS disease, and encourage prevention and testing for HIV;

Whereas the Harris County Hospital District provides HIV/AIDS services and care to about 25 percent of all HIV/AIDS diagnosed patients living in Harris County, Texas;

Whereas through Thomas Street Health Center, the Harris County Hospital District last year served nearly 4,500 unique patients through a coordinated response of providing 37,000 patient visits;

Whereas World AIDS Day, and other commemorative days of HIV/AIDS patients are used by the Harris County Hospital District to reaffirm its commitment to the treatment of, research on, and prevention of HIV/AIDS;

Whereas HIV/AIDS patients in Harris County are supported by the Harris County Hospital District's network of health centers and inpatient care at Ben Taub General Hospital and Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital;

Whereas HIV/AIDS patients receive the latest medications and treatments thanks to the collaboration by top physicians and researchers from the Harris County Hospital District's partnerships with Baylor College of Medicine and The University of Texas Medical School at Houston; and

Whereas the commitment and dedication of all staff at Thomas Street Health Center and the Harris County Hospital

District to providing patients the highest-quality care available remain unchanged: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of the Harris
3 County Hospital District’s Thomas Street Health
4 Center and recognizes the 20th anniversary of the
5 establishment of this Center;

6 (2) encourages national, State, and local media
7 organizations to carry messages in support of World
8 AIDS Day and the 20th anniversary celebration of
9 Thomas Street Health Center; and

10 (3) supports the development of a national
11 AIDS strategy with clear goals and objectives to re-
12 duce new HIV infections, especially among minority
13 populations, men who have sex with men, and other
14 vulnerable communities.

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