



## Certificate of Congressional Recognition

18<sup>th</sup> District, Texas

Presented to the

### Prevention Access Campaign

On the occasion of their

### Undetectable Equals Untransmittable (U=U) Campaign

- WHEREAS,** Prevention Access Campaign is a health equity initiative to end the dual epidemics of HIV and HIV-related stigma by empowering people with and vulnerable to HIV with accurate and meaningful information about their social, sexual, and reproductive health; and
- WHEREAS,** Prevention Access Campaign's Undetectable Equals Untransmittable (U=U) was launched in 2016 when a group of people living with HIV created a groundbreaking Consensus Statement in partnership with global experts to clarify the science surrounding "U=U"; and
- WHEREAS,** The genesis of the U=U movement changed the definition of what it means to live with HIV, dismantling HIV stigma, improving the lives of people living with HIV, and bringing us closer to ending the HIV epidemic; and
- WHEREAS,** U=U is a growing global community of HIV advocates, activists, researchers, and more than 900 Community Partners from nearly 100 countries uniting to disseminate the revolutionary but largely unknown fact that people living with HIV who are undetectable (under 40 copies/ml) do not sexually transmit HIV; and
- WHEREAS,** The U=U message is an unprecedented opportunity to transform the lives of millions of people with and affected by HIV and to radically transform the field of HIV prevention by reducing the shame and fear of sexual transmission and increasing possibilities for conceiving children without alternative means of insemination; and
- WHEREAS,** The U=U Campaign dismantles HIV stigma on the community, clinical, and personal level, encourages people living with HIV to start and stay on treatment, which keeps them and their partners healthy, strengthens advocacy efforts for universal access to treatment, care, and diagnostics to save lives and bring us closer to ending the HIV epidemic.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that on behalf of the United States Congress, I take great pride in recognizing and congratulating The Prevention Access on their U=U Campaign. I am honored to join survivors, advocates, medical professionals, colleagues, and supports in paying tribute to U=U campaign on this momentous occasion. Your commitment and dedication to this community is deserving of the respect, admiration and commendation of the United States Congress.

Sheila Jackson Lee  
Member of Congress  
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