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H.R. No. 252

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Joe Olvera, lead custodian at William B. Travis  
2 Academy in Dallas, demonstrated exceptional dedication to the  
3 school during the February 2021 winter storm; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Olvera has been a valued member of the staff at  
5 William B. Travis, a Dallas ISD magnet school for gifted and  
6 talented students, for 21 years; as the community was beset with an  
7 unprecedented bout of subfreezing weather, he went to the campus to  
8 keep watch over it in the frigid temperatures; and

9 WHEREAS, Camping overnight in the more than half-century-old  
10 building, Mr. Olvera slept on an air mattress and brought along  
11 space heaters to keep himself warm; he made regular rounds of the  
12 building, monitoring the water pipes and repairing a number of  
13 small leaks, and thanks to his vigilance, the school was able to  
14 survive the historic weather event with minimal issues; and

15 WHEREAS, Although Joe Olvera's commitment to his work as a  
16 custodian is well-known among the students, staff, and teachers of  
17 William B. Travis, he demonstrated a remarkable willingness to go  
18 above and beyond to safeguard the school at a challenging time for  
19 the community, and he is deserving of special praise for his  
20 actions; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
22 Legislature hereby commend custodian Joe Olvera for watching over  
23 William B. Travis Academy in Dallas during the February 2021 winter  
24 storm and extend to him sincere appreciation for his efforts; and,

1 be it further

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