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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Dallas-Fort Worth chapter of the Council on  
2 American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-DFW) is a leading advocate for  
3 justice and mutual understanding in the Lone Star State; and

4           WHEREAS, Headquartered in Washington, D.C., with regional  
5 offices nationwide, CAIR is America's largest Islamic civil  
6 liberties group; the nonprofit's members are dedicated to  
7 supporting and protecting the civil rights of American Muslims, to  
8 promoting justice and equality, and to advancing public  
9 understanding of the Muslim faith; and

10           WHEREAS, Since 1998, CAIR-DFW has been a leading voice for  
11 the Muslim community in Dallas and Fort Worth, taking on the civil  
12 rights cases, free of charge, of American Muslims who have been  
13 discriminated against; the chapter also maintains a government  
14 relations department, which organizes voter registration drives  
15 and trains community members on how to approach their elected  
16 officials; and

17           WHEREAS, In addition, the chapter maintains a media  
18 engagement effort, helping to ensure that Muslim voices are heard  
19 in the media and providing community leaders with the tools they  
20 need to engage the media; the outreach and education department  
21 operates a Muslim speakers bureau that makes professional Muslim  
22 speakers available for events at schools, religious institutions,  
23 and other public forums, and the chapter's youth empowerment  
24 initiative works to build the next generation of American Muslim

1 leaders; and

2           WHEREAS, By advocating for peace, tolerance, and unity among  
3 people of all faiths, CAIR is working to ensure that American  
4 society remains true to its founding ideals, and CAIR-DFW is truly  
5 deserving of special recognition as it continues its efforts to  
6 build a brighter future for all; now, therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the work of the Dallas-Fort Worth  
9 chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations and extend to  
10 all those associated with the chapter sincere best wishes for  
11 continued success; and, be it further

12           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for CAIR-DFW as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
14 House of Representatives.