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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Jin-Ya Huang of Dallas has received a 2021 Maura  
2 Women Helping Women Award from the Texas Women's Foundation; and

3           WHEREAS, In her early teens, Ms. Huang came to the United  
4 States from Taipei, Taiwan; she grew up watching her mother,  
5 Margaret Huang, teach other immigrants cooking and job skills in  
6 the family restaurant; after graduating from The University of  
7 Texas at Dallas, Ms. Huang embarked on a successful career as an art  
8 director and packaging manager for major retailers, but the death  
9 of her mother changed her trajectory; she honored her memory by  
10 launching a catering company, Break Bread, Break Borders, that  
11 offers refugee women opportunities for on-the-job training,  
12 certifications, and mentoring from culinary and business  
13 professionals; and

14           WHEREAS, The company also seeks to change perspectives, build  
15 meaningful social connections, and amplify the voices of people of  
16 color; refugee women work with veteran chefs to create menus based  
17 on authentic recipes from their home countries, and at catered  
18 events, they share their stories and culture with diners, in  
19 addition to their culinary talents; during the pandemic, BBBB began  
20 assisting refugees with short-term needs as well; and

21           WHEREAS, A current fellow of the Presidential Leadership  
22 Scholars Program, Ms. Huang is active in many civic organizations;  
23 she serves on the advisory boards of the OpEd Project, Dallas Museum  
24 of Art Learning and Engagement Committee, and the LiftFund;

1 moreover, she has earned acclaim as an interdisciplinary artist  
2 focusing on Asian identity and diasporic immigrant experience; and

3 WHEREAS, Jin-Ya Huang is making a positive difference in the  
4 lives of refugee women and in the wider community as the founder of  
5 Break Bread, Break Borders, and she is indeed deserving of this  
6 prestigious accolade; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Jin-Ya Huang on her receipt of a  
9 2021 Maura Women Helping Women Award from the Texas Women's  
10 Foundation and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued  
11 success in her worthwhile endeavors; and, be it further

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