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H.R. No. 147

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Endeavors, a faith-based nonprofit headquartered in
2 San Antonio, has made a meaningful difference in the lives of
3 countless people in need; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded as San Antonio Urban Ministries by
5 inner-city churches in 1969, Endeavors has grown dramatically
6 through the years and adopted its present name in 2018; the agency
7 delivers an array of services to children, families, veterans,
8 survivors of natural disasters, and people struggling with mental
9 illness or other significant disabilities; it additionally
10 partners and coordinates with government agencies and local and
11 national organizations to increase its ability to meet the needs of
12 vulnerable residents; and

13 WHEREAS, Endeavors now serves tens of thousands of clients in
14 Texas and beyond annually; its programs address such issues as
15 homelessness, unemployment, and child abuse, and it offers families
16 counseling, crisis intervention, and life skills and vocational
17 training, among other initiatives; key programs include Safe
18 Services, which furnishes crime victims with free professional
19 counseling and case management, Operation Parent Strong, which
20 holds group and individual parenting classes for military families,
21 and the Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic, which provides
22 integrated mental health care to veterans and their families;
23 moreover, Veteran Supportive Services offers homelessness
24 prevention and rapid rehousing, and in 2021, the agency opened the

1 Veteran Wellness Center in San Antonio, a first-of-its-kind,
2 comprehensive care clinic that addresses all aspects of health; and

3 WHEREAS, During the COVID-19 pandemic, Endeavors was able to
4 adapt to the unprecedented situation by continuing 98 percent of
5 its operations remotely; the agency partnered with other support
6 organizations to establish two emergency centers in El Paso to
7 serve as points of entry for a network of area shelters; in
8 addition, Endeavors secured funding for COVID-impacted veterans
9 and provided housing assistance to clients in Houston who became
10 homeless as a result of the pandemic; and

11 WHEREAS, For more than a half century, Endeavors has
12 empowered countless people to improve their lives and build a
13 brighter future for their families, and in so doing, it has helped
14 to strengthen the entire community; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
16 Legislature hereby commend Endeavors on its exceptional service to
17 vulnerable people in crisis and extend to all those associated with
18 this noteworthy organization sincere best wishes for continued
19 success; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for Endeavors as an expression of high regard by the Texas
22 House of Representatives.