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H.R. No. 158

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity Texas is holding its annual Day  
2 at the Dome Capitol Build on February 7, 2023, and this occasion  
3 provides a welcome opportunity to recognize Elise Fulton Smith for  
4 her efforts as executive director of Jefferson County Habitat for  
5 Humanity; and

6           WHEREAS, The world's largest not-for-profit homebuilder,  
7 Habitat for Humanity International has made a positive difference  
8 in the lives of more than 4 million people around the globe; Habitat  
9 for Humanity of Jefferson County is one of its oldest affiliates in  
10 the United States; founded in 1978 as Beaumont Habitat for  
11 Humanity, it eventually changed its name to reflect its mission of  
12 serving the entire Mid Counties/Triangle area; to date, this  
13 affiliate has built more than 122 homes accommodating over 500  
14 residents of the area; and

15           WHEREAS, Habitat assists working families who qualify for an  
16 interest-free mortgage based on their income; the program's  
17 homebuyers must commit more than 200 hours of "sweat equity" to the  
18 construction of their home; and

19           WHEREAS, The walls built at this year's Day of the Dome event  
20 will be shipped to Jefferson County and incorporated in a house for  
21 a lifelong Beaumont resident and her three sons; Elise Fulton Smith  
22 is overseeing all the logistics of this effort, including  
23 identifying a suitable site, securing funding for lumber and other  
24 supplies, negotiating permitting and construction, and organizing

1 volunteers to raise the walls and complete the home this summer; and

2           WHEREAS, Through her tireless endeavors in behalf of  
3 Jefferson County Habitat for Humanity, Elise Fulton Smith is  
4 helping to make the benefits of home ownership more widely  
5 attainable, and her contributions have earned the admiration and  
6 appreciation of her fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby honor Elise Fulton Smith for her service as  
9 executive director of Jefferson County Habitat for Humanity and  
10 extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success in her  
11 important work; and, be it further

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