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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For nearly two decades, The Arc of Greater Beaumont
2 has served as an important resource and advocate for area residents
3 with disabilities; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2005, The Arc of Greater Beaumont was established
5 as a local chapter of The Arc of Texas and The Arc of the United
6 States, which were formed in the early 1950s to promote the
7 inclusion of people with intellectual and developmental
8 disabilities; the founding of the Beaumont chapter was led by five
9 concerned parents who wanted to provide opportunities for their
10 young adult children to socialize after they graduated from public
11 school; over the span of a decade, the organization grew to serve
12 more than 400 individuals, offering a variety of programs designed
13 to help them live fuller and more independent lives; and

14 WHEREAS, Through The Arc's Adult Socialization and Leisure
15 Activities program, participants take part in field trips, dances,
16 community service projects, and other activities in a safe,
17 supervised environment, which can help them become more adept at
18 interacting with others; The Arc of Greater Beaumont also offers a
19 Children & Family Services program that provides specialized
20 support for the families and caregivers of children with
21 developmental disabilities; moreover, the chapter's Southeast
22 Texas Self-Advocates initiative is managed by adults with
23 disabilities and designed to help its members develop skills in the
24 areas of self-advocacy, leadership, and education; and

1 WHEREAS, The Arc of Greater Beaumont has excelled in its
2 mission of building a more inclusive and equitable community for
3 all, and the contributions of the organization and its hardworking
4 volunteers have touched the lives of numerous area residents; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
7 Legislature hereby honor The Arc of Greater Beaumont for its
8 service to individuals with intellectual and developmental
9 disabilities and their families and extend to the organization's
10 leadership, staff, and volunteers sincere best wishes for the
11 future; and, be it further

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