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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Legacy Community Development Corporation of Port  
2 Arthur has made a positive difference in the lives of countless  
3 Southeast Texas residents; and

4           WHEREAS, A nonprofit organization, Legacy CDC develops  
5 affordable housing and provides financial counseling to assist  
6 low- to moderate-income families; it partners with many other  
7 organizations to increase housing stability throughout Jefferson,  
8 Hardin, and Orange Counties by offering housing opportunities,  
9 education, supportive services, and referrals; and

10           WHEREAS, Legacy CDC was originally established by a  
11 faith-based group as the Tender Loving Care Center for Children, an  
12 initiative dedicated to ensuring the safety and well-being of youth  
13 from low-income families; recognizing that its mission depended  
14 heavily on secure housing for clients, it expanded its endeavors as  
15 Legacy CDC in 2006; three years later, it was certified as a  
16 Community Housing Development Organization by the City of Orange  
17 and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs;  
18 subsequently, it received CHDO certification from the Cities of  
19 Beaumont and Port Arthur as well; and

20           WHEREAS, While working as a CHDO for the City of Orange,  
21 Legacy purchased and rehabilitated a single-family home that was  
22 then sold to a low- to moderate-income family; the organization  
23 went on to develop an 80-unit family complex in Vidor, which is now  
24 fully occupied; in Beaumont, it has acquired and renovated some 20

1 units and directed reconstruction of a number of others, and it  
2 manages 20 scattered site rental units; Legacy is overseeing a  
3 downtown revitalization program in Port Arthur, where it has built  
4 two single-family units and has 29 underway; moreover, it has  
5 acquired about 10 foreclosure units in recent years; and

6 WHEREAS, Legacy sponsors a homeownership education program  
7 that encompasses credit counseling, financial education, and  
8 homebuyer certification; more than 1,000 families have completed  
9 the certification course; other initiatives include disaster  
10 recovery services, emergency rental assistance, and credit repair;  
11 it delivers services in Spanish, Vietnamese, and Filipino, as well  
12 as English; and

13 WHEREAS, Stable housing is essential to the welfare and  
14 security of every individual, and by helping residents of Southeast  
15 Texas attain this goal, Legacy CDC is empowering families and  
16 strengthening their communities; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
18 Legislature hereby honor Legacy Community Development Corporation  
19 for its contributions to Southeast Texas and extend to all those  
20 associated with the organization sincere best wishes for the  
21 future; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the  
24 Texas House of Representatives.