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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, During the devastating winter storm that impacted
2 Texas communities in late January and early February 2023, local
3 first responders made extraordinary efforts to save lives and
4 property and bring urgent relief to their fellow citizens in need;
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6 WHEREAS, The storm, which brought frigid temperatures and
7 significant freezing rain to Central Texas, was a horrific icing
8 event; the historic amount of freezing precipitation caused ice to
9 accumulate on trees and power lines, severely damaging
10 infrastructure and resulting in blackouts that affected hundreds of
11 thousands of homes throughout Austin and Travis County; and

12 WHEREAS, During the multiday event, many residents were
13 forced to contend with the cold temperatures without heat or
14 electricity and were unable to travel on the icy roadways to obtain
15 food or other essential items; in addition, fallen branches blocked
16 roadways and littered properties throughout the area; despite
17 facing hardships of their own, emergency medical personnel, police,
18 and firefighters continued to carry out their lifesaving work,
19 persevering through the cold and sometimes dangerous conditions to
20 rescue citizens and complete other vital duties; and

21 WHEREAS, Central Texans are profoundly grateful for the
22 courageous individuals who went above and beyond during this
23 challenging time, and the region's first responders are truly
24 deserving of recognition for their selfless contributions to the

1 relief effort; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
3 Legislature hereby commend the police, firefighters, emergency
4 medical personnel, and other first responders who helped their
5 communities endure the winter storm of late January and early
6 February 2023 and extend sincere best wishes to these heroic men and
7 women for continued success in their important work.