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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Faithful Friends Animal-Assisted Therapy Ministry
2 is dedicated to spreading happiness and comfort through visits with
3 pets; and

4 WHEREAS, Faithful Friends was founded in 1993 by Shari
5 Ferguson as a ministry of University Baptist Church in Clear Lake
6 City; over the past three decades, the organization has provided
7 myriad opportunities for individuals in challenging situations to
8 spend time with animals, and in so doing, it has helped people of
9 all ages to improve their well-being and outlook; and

10 WHEREAS, Volunteers take properly trained dogs, cats, and
11 other animals for visits to local hospitals, support groups, and
12 other facilities, including schools and nursing homes; they bring
13 their pets to elementary and intermediate schools, where children
14 are provided with an opportunity to practice vocabulary and reading
15 skills by reading to the animals, and they visit long-term care
16 facilities in the area, giving residents a chance to enjoy the
17 numerous benefits of interacting with animals on a regular basis;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, The caring volunteers of Faithful Friends
20 Animal-Assisted Therapy Ministry work to bring comfort and
21 enriching experiences to many people facing difficult
22 circumstances, and they indeed deserve special recognition for
23 their good deeds; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby commend Faithful Friends Animal-Assisted
2 Therapy Ministry and extend to its volunteers sincere best wishes
3 for the future; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the
6 Texas House of Representatives.