

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Over the past five decades, the Haltom City Senior
2 Center has distinguished itself as a valuable community resource;
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4 WHEREAS, The center traces its origins to 1972, when senior
5 citizens in the area began gathering at an apartment complex
6 clubhouse on Lower Birdville Road, where they received meals from
7 Senior Citizens Services of Greater Tarrant County; it was proposed
8 that Haltom City build a senior center, and five years later, the
9 municipality provided land and funds from the Housing and Community
10 Development Act to construct a 5,000-square-foot facility on
11 Bernice Street; the Haltom City Senior Center opened on May 8, 1977,
12 under the oversight of Tarrant County; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2019, the city approved plans to renovate the old
14 library as a new home for the senior center, however the project was
15 put on hold after the COVID-19 outbreak in 2020; despite the senior
16 center being closed due to the pandemic, staff and volunteers
17 continued working, delivering meals, picking up groceries, and
18 staying in contact with residents who relied on the services
19 provided by the center; it reopened in February 2022 and
20 subsequently moved to its present location on Friendly Lane; and

21 WHEREAS, Today, the center serves more than 400 members, and
22 its meal roster includes individuals from 20 cities; through a
23 partnership with the Tarrant Area Food Bank and Father's Heart
24 Ministry, the facility hosts monthly food distributions for area

1 residents, and it provides daily meals in collaboration with
2 Metroport Meals on Wheels, local churches and businesses, city
3 employees, and community volunteers; seniors enjoy such activities
4 as arts, crafts, bingo, quilting, and billiards, and the center
5 also offers computer classes; the facility continues to add
6 programs and services while welcoming new community partners; and

7 WHEREAS, For half a century, the Haltom City Senior Center
8 has played a critical role in meeting the needs of area residents,
9 and it is indeed a pleasure to join in recognizing the facility on
10 this special milestone in its history; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
12 Legislature hereby commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Haltom
13 City Senior Center and extend to all those associated with the
14 center sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for the center as an expression of high regard by the Texas
17 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1547

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1547 was adopted by the House on May 15, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House