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H.R. No. 1547

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.