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R E S O L U T I O N

1   WHEREAS, Members of Habitat for Humanity Texas are
2   celebrating Habitat for Humanity Day on February 7, 2023; and
3   WHEREAS, Homeownership plays a significant role in enhancing
4   the quality of life in our communities, and Texas has faced a
5   critical shortage of affordable homes, with a 500,000-home deficit;
6   in addition, one in seven homeowners pay more than half their income
7   on housing; there are many causes for the lack of affordable
8   housing, including issues related to marginalization, land-use
9   policy, inequality, high population density, and natural
10 disasters; and
11   WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity Texas and its local affiliates
12 strive to help build a better future for people across the state;
13 these organizations unite residents and enable them to construct
14 homes in their communities, and they work to expand access to
15 affordable homes through advocacy, resource development,
16 education, training, and disaster preparedness and response; and
17   WHEREAS, Over the years, the Habitat for Humanity network in
18 Texas has collectively helped over 13,500 families obtain safe
19 housing in 60 areas throughout the state; since 1977, the network
20 has built more than 8,500 new homes, repaired nearly 5,000, and
21 rehabilitated almost 600; and
22   WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity Texas has made homeownership a
23 reality for numerous families in the Lone Star State, and the
24 dedicated members of the organization are truly deserving of

1 recognition for their contributions to this important cause; now,

2 therefore, be it

3   RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature

4 hereby recognize February 7, 2023, as Habitat For Humanity Day and

5 commend all those associated with the organization for their

6 efforts; and, be it further

7   RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

8 prepared for Habitat for Humanity Texas as an expression of high

9 regard by the Texas Senate.