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S.R. No. 143

SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Endeavors Veteran Wellness Center in San Antonio for improving the lives of disabled veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, Endeavors is a faith-based nonprofit that was founded as San Antonio Urban Ministries by inner-city churches in 1969; renamed in 2018, the center advocates for a holistic approach to veteran integration and reincorporation into civil society; and

WHEREAS, The center has done much to support children, families, veterans, survivors of natural disasters, and people struggling with mental illness by offering them a host of physical, emotional, and mental wellness services, including family counseling, crisis intervention, group therapy, parenting classes, fitness programs, child care, and life skills and vocational training; and

WHEREAS, Endeavors partners with governmental agencies and national and local organizations to address homelessness, child abuse, and unemployment within the veteran population; Endeavors' Veteran Supportive Services offers homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing, and in 2021, the agency opened the Veteran Wellness Center in San Antonio, a first-of-its-kind care clinic that addresses all aspects of health; and

WHEREAS, During the COVID-19 pandemic, Endeavors and other support organizations established two emergency centers in El Paso that served as points of entry for a network of area shelters; the center secured a 50 percent funding increase for COVID-impacted veterans and provided housing assistance to 200 clients in Houston who lost housing as a result of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, In its 50 years of existence, Endeavors has served nearly 30,000 clients in Texas, Florida, North Carolina, and Puerto Rico and has empowered countless people to become integrated individuals who provide for their families and contribute to their communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby commend Endeavors Veteran Wellness Center on its exceptional service to vulnerable people in crisis and extend to all those associated with this noteworthy organization sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Endeavors as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.