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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Goodwill Industries of Dallas is celebrating its
2 100th anniversary in 2023, providing a fitting opportunity to
3 recognize the organization for its myriad contributions to the
4 North Texas region; and

5 WHEREAS, The inaugural Goodwill organization in Texas was
6 established in 1923 in Dallas when a group of women from the
7 Southern Methodist Church held a clothing drive as a fundraising
8 project; the project became a successful operation, and it was
9 later named Goodwill Industries of Dallas; executive director
10 Gerald Clore envisioned the expansion of Goodwill across the Lone
11 Star State, and the Goodwill Industries of San Antonio and Houston
12 opened their doors in 1945; today, Goodwill encompasses more than
13 140 locations in Texas and is part of an international network; and

14 WHEREAS, The Dallas Goodwill's donated goods program
15 provides employment by offering work through the recycling and
16 reselling of material donations in stores, while keeping millions
17 of pounds of reusable items out of landfills; every dollar that is
18 generated from its retail stores is invested back into creating
19 employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities and
20 disadvantaging conditions; and

21 WHEREAS, The Dallas Goodwill's workforce development program
22 provides assessments, education, coaching, and career placement
23 for North Texans; moreover, the organization offers job training
24 and employment for people from all walks of life, including the

1 working poor and the underemployed, formerly incarcerated
2 individuals who are reentering the workforce, and those who haven't
3 earned a GED or the high school equivalency; Dallas Goodwill's day
4 habilitation services utilizes an interactive classroom setting to
5 support adults with developmental disabilities and to help them
6 gain academic, living, social, and basic money management skills;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, For a century, Goodwill Industries of Dallas has
9 played an important role in the North Texas community, changing
10 lives through the power of meaningful work and equipping people
11 with the tools they need to reach their full potential as engaged
12 and productive members of society; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
14 hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of Goodwill Industries of
15 Dallas and extend to all those associated with the organization
16 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Goodwill Industries of Dallas as an expression of high
19 regard by the Texas Senate.