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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Volunteerism in Texas has a long and storied history
2 that fills citizens of the Lone Star State with pride, and the Texas
3 Legislature is pleased to honor the many individuals who dedicate
4 themselves to helping others; and

5 WHEREAS, Perhaps the earliest example of volunteerism in
6 Texas took place in 1836, when 189 like-minded individuals banded
7 together to defend the Alamo; this event set the stage for future
8 generations of volunteers, and today millions of Texans devote
9 themselves to altruistic causes; and

10 WHEREAS, Whether serving as a mentor, teaching someone to
11 read and write, making a financial contribution to a charitable
12 cause, or helping Texas families move from welfare to work,
13 countless Lone Star State citizens are united in their efforts to
14 help those less fortunate than themselves; and

15 WHEREAS, President Bush has issued a call for all Americans
16 to volunteer service, to commit themselves to a minimum of 4,000
17 hours; and

18 WHEREAS, Programs such as Governor Perry's OneStar
19 Foundation seek to "empower Texans in need with the help of
20 volunteers dedicated to meeting need"; the goal of the OneStar
21 Foundation is to work with state and local organizations and direct
22 volunteers to the areas where they are needed most; and

23 WHEREAS, Volunteers are the lifeblood of charities and
24 nonprofit organizations, and the members of the Texas Legislature

1 encourage all Texans to make a contribution to helping others
2 through volunteering; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
4 hereby commend the many outstanding Texans who volunteer their time
5 and energy to help others, as well as the faith-based and community
6 organizations that support volunteers, and encourage all Texans to
7 make a commitment to volunteering in 2003 and beyond.