

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Fisher House, Inc., has assisted thousands of
2 military families during their most challenging times and has
3 directly affected the lives of many grateful Texans; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded in 1990 by Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher,
5 this nonprofit organization provides housing accommodations on the
6 grounds of major military and VA medical centers so family members
7 can be nearby when loved ones are hospitalized; and

8 WHEREAS, Serving more than 7,000 families annually, Fisher
9 House has 28 locations throughout the United States and Europe,
10 including one at Fort Bliss in El Paso, one at Fort Hood in Killeen,
11 and five in San Antonio; since its inception, it has made available
12 more than 1.5 million days of lodging and has saved families close
13 to \$60 million; and

14 WHEREAS, Fisher House offers further assistance through its
15 CaringBridge program, which gives updates of the patient's
16 condition to friends and family members who cannot be at the
17 hospital; Fisher House also supports the Scholarships for Military
18 Children Program and cosponsors the Newman's Own Award for Military
19 Community Excellence; and

20 WHEREAS, In recognition of the dedication and sacrifice
21 routinely demonstrated by the men and women in our armed forces,
22 Fisher House, Inc., works tirelessly to bring comfort and aid to
23 service members and their families in their time of need, an
24 endeavor most deserving of special commendation; now, therefore, be

1 it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
3 Legislature hereby honor Fisher House, Inc., for its noble work in
4 behalf of U.S. military families facing serious illness or injury;
5 and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for Fisher House, Inc., as an expression of highest regard
8 by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 8

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 8 was adopted by the House on May 10, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House