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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, For nearly four decades, Community Action Agencies 2 (CAAs) in Texas have provided vital services to the Lone Star

State's most vulnerable citizens in an effort to help them combat

4 poverty and become self-sufficient; and

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5 WHEREAS, Created under the Economic Opportunity Act signed 6 into law by President Lyndon Baines Johnson in 1964, CAAs may be

7 found in 45 locations throughout the state, each of which is

operated by a board of directors composed of elected officials,

civic leaders, and low-income area residents; and

10 WHEREAS, CAAs provide a wide range of services that have kept

pace with the changing needs of society, encompassing day care for

youth and adults, emergency food and clothing distribution,

13 domestic violence and substance abuse prevention and treatment,

literacy classes, employment training, small business development,

and a host of other programs too numerous to mention; and

WHEREAS, Living up to their motto, "Helping people. Changing

lives," Community Action Agencies have made innumerable

contributions to making Texas a better place in which to live, work,

19 and raise a family; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas

21 Legislature heartily commend the administrators, employees, and

22 supporters of Community Action Agencies in Texas for their

23 exceptional efforts to improve the lives of all of the citizens of

24 this state; and, be it further

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- 1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 2 prepared for the Texas Association of Community Action Agencies as
- 3 an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.