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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Laura Recovery Center Foundation is dedicated to  
2 finding missing children, and the efforts of this worthwhile  
3 organization are deserving of special legislative recognition; and

4           WHEREAS, The Laura Recovery Center was established in  
5 response to the abduction of Laura Kate Smither on April 3, 1997,  
6 near her home in Friendswood; an unprecedented relationship of  
7 cooperation, now called the Triangle of Trust, developed between  
8 Laura's family, the Friendswood Police Department, and the  
9 community, as more than 6,000 volunteers tirelessly searched for  
10 the 12-year-old girl, whose body was found 17 days later; and

11           WHEREAS, Emerging from this heart-wrenching experience was  
12 the Laura Recovery Center Foundation, a beacon of hope and support  
13 for other missing children and their families; the foundation works  
14 to establish emergency preparedness action plans in every  
15 community, fostering a Triangle of Trust among family members,  
16 citizens, and law enforcement, and improving the response time  
17 critical to recovering missing children; and

18           WHEREAS, The Laura Recovery Center Foundation provides  
19 education to the public, offering the Laura Recovery Center Manual  
20 to citizens faced with a missing child incident as well as tactical  
21 support in the recovery effort; in the event that a child is  
22 reported missing, the center helps to immediately establish a  
23 mobile recovery center and then helps in the search; and

24           WHEREAS, A source of comfort and urgent assistance to the

1 family of a missing child, the Laura Recovery Center Foundation is  
2 an admirable endeavor that benefits countless Texans in the most  
3 difficult of times; now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby recognize and commend the organizers and staff  
6 of the Laura Recovery Center Foundation and extend to them sincere  
7 best wishes for success in the future; and, be it further

8         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
9 prepared for the Laura Recovery Center Foundation as an expression  
10 of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.