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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Great tragedies like Hurricane Katrina result in
2 immense and painful losses, but are also often a testament to the
3 strength and resolve of a community and the deep instinct for
4 kindness and generosity that abides in the human heart; and

5 WHEREAS, It is in this spirit that Camp Copass, a Southern
6 Baptist children's camp in Denton, opened its doors to provide
7 much-needed shelter, food, and medical care to more than 300
8 hurricane evacuees in September 2005; under the leadership of the
9 camp's director, Brad Springer, board and staff members and many
10 volunteers also worked diligently to reunite family members who had
11 been separated in the storm's aftermath, even going so far as
12 arranging air travel so that relatives could be brought together
13 during this trying time; and

14 WHEREAS, Joining Camp Copass and the many dedicated residents
15 of Denton in this important mission were the City of Denton and
16 Denton County, which jointly activated an Emergency Operations
17 Center at the Denton Civic Center, the Denton County Health
18 Department, the Denton County Sheriff's Department, the United Way,
19 various city offices, and a number of area churches; each played a
20 vital role in this important effort, and their contributions will
21 not soon be forgotten by those affected by this life-altering
22 event; and

23 WHEREAS, In their dedication to aid the victims of Hurricane
24 Katrina, all those associated with the relief effort at Camp Copass

1 remind us that many individuals working together for a noble
2 purpose define the best sense of community and that the strength of
3 a society may be judged by its response to those in need; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
6 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend all those
7 individuals and organizations involved with the hurricane outreach
8 efforts at Camp Copass and recognize them for their generosity and
9 compassion; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Camp Copass as an expression of high regard by the
12 Texas House of Representatives.