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R E S O L U T I O N

1   WHEREAS, A team of eight news photographers from the *Dallas*
2 *Morning News* has won the 2006 Pulitzer Prize for breaking news
3 photography for its pictures of Hurricane Katrina and its
4 aftermath; and
5   WHEREAS, Members of a team often called "The Eyes of Texas,"
6 this talented group of photojournalists includes Michael
7 Ainsworth, Melanie Burford, Barbara Davidson, Tom Fox, Brad Loper,
8 Michael Mulvey, Smiley N. Pool, and Irwin Thompson; and
9   WHEREAS, With courage, compassion, and professionalism,
10 these gifted photographers braved difficult and often dangerous
11 conditions to chronicle the fury of the storm and the heartbreak of
12 the days that followed; and
13   WHEREAS, From the picture of a family waiting to be rescued
14 from the roof of their apartment building to the photograph of an
15 elderly woman collapsed on the sofa of her devastated home, this
16 portfolio of 20 striking photos conveyed both the epic scale and the
17 personal toll of this tragic event; and
18   WHEREAS, The Pulitzer Prize is the most prestigious award
19 given for journalism in the United States; this is the eighth time
20 the *Dallas Morning News* has won a Pulitzer, and the fourth time its
21 photography staff has been recognized with this tremendous honor,
22 and the citizens of this state and nation are indeed fortunate to
23 have such a remarkable group chronicling the pivotal events of our
24 times; now, therefore, be it

1   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
2 Legislature hereby congratulate the photojournalism team of the
3 *Dallas Morning News* on winning the 2006 Pulitzer Prize for breaking
4 news photography and extend best wishes to each member of the team
5 for continued success; and, be it further

6   RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for the award-winning *Dallas Morning News* photographers as
8 an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.