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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Restoration Center in San Antonio offers an
2 innovative approach to treating homeless individuals who are
3 experiencing severe mental illness or addiction; and

4 WHEREAS, Created through the hard work and vision of area
5 leaders, the Restoration Center provides a noteworthy alternative
6 to hospitalization or incarceration; and

7 WHEREAS, This unique social service organization has reduced
8 inappropriate incarceration of people with mental illness and
9 substance abuse problems, eased the overcrowding of emergency rooms
10 and hospital beds, and reduced victimization of the homeless; and

11 WHEREAS, Substantial benefits were accrued within the first
12 180 days of its operation; homeless men and women diverted from area
13 jails saved taxpayers more than \$750,000 and forgoing admissions to
14 the municipal court detention area saved government expenditures
15 totaling more than \$2.5 million; an additional \$700,000 was saved
16 in this short interval as law enforcement brought people to the
17 Restoration Center instead of to hospital emergency rooms prior to
18 incarceration; and

19 WHEREAS, The Restoration Center provides a model for all
20 communities seeking a public safety net to restore lives and ease
21 the suffering of citizens who are ill and vulnerable; now,
22 therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
24 Legislature hereby honor the Restoration Center in San Antonio and

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1 commend all those associated with the development of this important
2 project; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for the Restoration Center as an expression of high regard
5 by the Texas House of Representatives.