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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Office Depot rendered invaluable aid to countless

2 individuals in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike; and

3 WHEREAS, After this catastrophic event left more than two

4 million people without power, Office Depot responded quickly in

order to ensure that the residents of Northwest Houston were able to

6 have their vital needs met; the corporation donated food,

7 beverages, and hygiene items and coordinated its efforts with

8 Nourish America and the National Foundation for Women Legislators

9 to establish distribution centers, where it provided these

10 essentials to thousands of emergency workers and hurricane

11 survivors, including many Office Depot associates; and

12 WHEREAS, Through its foundation, Office Depot also

13 contributed to local business owners, and it offered such

14 complimentary services as cell phone charging and fax machine,

15 photocopying, and Internet access at its area stores; among those

16 who led these initiatives were foundation president Mary Wong,

17 foundation manager Phoenix Adams, foundation specialist Jessica

18 Strazulla, and foundation assistant Sabrina Conte, as well as store

19 managers Steve Zreineh, Sandra Caton, Lee Wirz, Vicki Harris, Don

20 Squyres, Jennifer Bonano, Terrance Zimmer, Hugh Sutton, Jennifer

21 Rodefeld, Jennifer Bridgeford, Jason Sharp, Guye Allen, Maria

22 Gilder, Erin Wallace, Michael Lawson, Robert Champion, Ray Rosales,

23 Kevin Vaughn, Paul Dickerson, Jim Stumph, Todd Stanley, Diana

24 Mancini, Mark Means, Jack Davis, and John Shreeve; and

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- 1 WHEREAS, Times of great crisis often inspire noble actions,
- 2 and Hurricane Ike proved to be no exception, as evidenced by the
- 3 generous support offered by Office Depot; now, therefore, be it
- 4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
- 5 Legislature hereby honor Office Depot for the important role it
- 6 played in the Hurricane Ike relief and recovery effort and extend to
- 7 all those company representatives who were involved in the process
- 8 sincere gratitude for their hard work and dedication; and, be it
- 9 further
- 10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 11 prepared for Office Depot as an expression of high regard by the
- 12 Texas House of Representatives.