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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Bobby Trimble of Midland has devoted much of his  
2 life to developing, implementing, and expanding the organization  
3 Christmas in Action; and

4           WHEREAS, A volunteer program, Christmas in Action aims to  
5 improve the lives of less fortunate members of the community; Mr.  
6 Trimble conceived of the program during a Sunday school lesson on  
7 the social responsibilities of people of faith; taking this  
8 teaching to heart, he organized a group of like-minded citizens and  
9 began Christmas In April (CIA); under his able leadership, people  
10 began donating their time, resources, and labor to make small  
11 repairs to the homes of the elderly and disabled in Midland; and

12           WHEREAS, Enthusiasm and interest in the program grew, and in  
13 May of 1976, Mr. Trimble helped to establish a formal organization  
14 by creating a CIA board of directors and becoming its first  
15 president; as word of CIA's good work spread, he was called upon,  
16 and graciously assented, to help other communities across the state  
17 and nation start similar programs; and

18           WHEREAS, In addition to its efforts to maintain and improve  
19 individual residences, CIA accepted responsibility for building a  
20 HUD apartment complex to house low-income elderly; Langtry Village  
21 was completed in May 1986, and Mr. Trimble continues to serve as its  
22 president; and

23           WHEREAS, His concept of assisting a vulnerable segment of  
24 local society has grown tremendously since its humble beginnings;

1 rechristened Christmas in Action in 2001, the program has repaired  
2 more than 8,000 homes, and more than 47,000 volunteers have given  
3 their time and energy to help the elderly and disabled in the  
4 community; for his efforts, Mr. Trimble received the Governor's  
5 Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service in 1981, and the  
6 President's Volunteer Action Award in April 1982; and

7       WHEREAS, The mission of Christmas in Action has remained  
8 unchanged since first articulated by Mr. Trimble: those who are  
9 able have a duty to help those who are unable to help themselves;  
10 despite nearing 80 years of age, Bobby Trimble continues to set an  
11 example of service and commitment, devoting his hard labor and  
12 considerable organizational talents so that others may live in  
13 safety, warmth, and independence; now, therefore, be it

14       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
15 Legislature hereby commend Bobby Trimble on his efforts with  
16 Christmas in Action and extend to him sincere best wishes for  
17 continued success with his important work; and, be it further

18       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for Mr. Trimble as an expression of high regard by the  
20 Texas House of Representatives.