

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Bill Beveridge of Galveston has been named an Unsung  
2 Hero by the *Galveston County Daily News*; and

3           WHEREAS, Each year, the newspaper asks its readers to  
4 nominate people they know who have served the community quietly and  
5 selflessly; those selected as Unsung Heroes are honored in the  
6 special *Profiles* edition alongside the Citizen of the Year, and in  
7 2009, the paper chose to recognize nine residents who helped others  
8 through the upheaval in the wake of Hurricane Ike; and

9           WHEREAS, Bill Beveridge is a retired oil rig inspector, an  
10 antiques dealer, and a property manager for eight homes on  
11 Galveston Island; he brought neighbors together after the hurricane  
12 by setting up a gas grill outside the Victorian-style home of a  
13 friend on Sealy Street and cooking meals for a handful of  
14 beleaguered neighbors; and

15           WHEREAS, Soon, Mr. Beveridge was cooking two or more meals a  
16 day, often for as many as 20 guests taking a much-needed break from  
17 the drudgery of cleaning and repairing their houses; local  
18 residents who had barely known each other shared their stories and  
19 pitched in to provide food and supplies, while friends of Mr.  
20 Beveridge drove in truckloads of bulk grocery store items and ice;  
21 and

22           WHEREAS, The genial "head chef of Sealy Street" continued to  
23 provide his hospitality and culinary skill for some four weeks,  
24 until the power was generally restored to Galveston's East End; the

1 friendships formed at the communal meals have since blossomed, and  
2 neighbors now happily gather to enjoy his cooking at birthday  
3 celebrations and other occasions; and

4         WHEREAS, Bill Beveridge offered sustenance to his neighbors  
5 when it was most needed, and through his kindness and generosity  
6 toward others, he turned a time of turmoil into an opportunity to  
7 build a more close and caring community; now, therefore, be it

8         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Bill Beveridge on being named an  
10 Unsung Hero by the *Galveston County Daily News* and extend to him  
11 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

12         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for Mr. Beveridge as an expression of high regard by the  
14 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2402

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2402 was adopted by the House on May 28, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House