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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.