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H.R. No. 2757

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Allen Community Outreach has played an important
2 role in the greater Allen area for almost a quarter-century,
3 providing financial assistance and a wide array of services to
4 residents in need; and

5 WHEREAS, Founded in 1985, ACO is a nonprofit organization
6 that addresses short-term crises, such as the loss of employment or
7 family illness, and also aids individuals requiring such extended
8 services as counseling and specialized assistance to regain
9 stability in their lives; families in financial difficulty can
10 obtain groceries from the food pantry, vouchers for clothing from
11 the ACO Resale Shop, assistance in paying rent and utility bills, as
12 well as referrals to other human services agencies; and

13 WHEREAS, ACO serves homebound residents, including seniors
14 and the disabled, through its Meals on Wheels & More program, and it
15 collaborates with the Allen and Lovejoy Independent School
16 Districts and local health care providers to offer vision, dental,
17 and auditory services to local schoolchildren; in addition to job
18 placement and counseling, ACO offers money management classes for
19 families in partnership with Consumer Credit Counseling Services of
20 McKinney, and it also organizes volunteers for small projects in
21 behalf of elderly residents and others who are unable to make home
22 repairs or maintain their yards; and

23 WHEREAS, In the past year, Allen Community Outreach helped
24 more than 4,200 people in the Allen, Fairview, and Lucas

1 communities, and with the economy in a severe downturn, an
2 increasing number of residents are turning to the organization for
3 assistance; the ACO staff performs outstanding work with the
4 generous assistance of many civic-minded volunteers, and their
5 vital efforts are indeed worthy of special recognition; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
8 Legislature hereby commend Allen Community Outreach for its
9 important contributions to area Texans and extend to its staff and
10 volunteers sincere best wishes for continued success in their
11 endeavors; and, be it further

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