

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 207

WHEREAS, SafeHaven of Tarrant County is holding its inaugural Legacy of Men Breakfast on February 17, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Formed in 2006, SafeHaven resulted from the merger of the Women's Shelter and Women's Haven, two Tarrant County organizations that had similar missions, programs, and goals; the combined resources of these two groups allowed SafeHaven to make a significant contribution to the community beginning in its first year, when the organization sheltered more than 2,500 abused women and children, answered almost 44,000 hotline calls, provided over 150,000 meals, and educated more than 60,000 area residents about domestic violence and shelter services; and

WHEREAS, The Legacy of Men Breakfast features a keynote speech by social activist and former professional football player Don McPherson, and the first Legacy of Men Award will be presented to Jason Witten of the Dallas Cowboys; Mr. Witten is an outspoken advocate on the issue of preventing domestic violence and has created the SCORE Foundation to help fund male mentoring programs and domestic violence shelters; and

WHEREAS, Honorary chair for the event is Robert Cluck, the mayor of Arlington, and the host committee consists of such prominent community members as Jamie Adams, Terry Akin, Ruben Anguiano, Bill Barnes, Bill Bowie, Theron Bowman, Joe Bruner, Larry Darlage, Sal Espino, Bob Ginsburg, Weldon Hafley, Santos Hernandez, Bob Lansford, Don Leaman, Tim McKinney, Scott Murray, Kent Nix, David O'Brien, Peter Parsinen, Charlie Powell, Buddy Puente, Paul Ray, P. D. Shabay, Mike Stone, Scott Turnage, Wes Turner, and John Wallace; and

WHEREAS, SafeHaven is an institution of tremendous benefit to the citizens of Tarrant County, and the inaugural Legacy of Men Breakfast is a fitting way to raise awareness of the worthwhile activities carried out by this admirable organization; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby honor SafeHaven of Tarrant County on the occasion of its inaugural Legacy of Men Breakfast and extend to all those associated with the event and the organization sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for SafeHaven as an expression of high regard by the Texas Senate.

Nelson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 17, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate