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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The volunteers of the Clothes Closet, a ministry of
2 First United Methodist Church of Gilmer, have received the 2010
3 Unsung Hero Award from the Gilmer Area Chamber of Commerce; and

4 WHEREAS, Women parishioners created the Clothes Closet in
5 1980 to make reasonably priced clothing available to the needy and
6 to raise money to benefit children in foster care; the ministry is
7 carried out entirely by volunteers, who collect, sort, wash, and
8 repair the clothing that they then offer at a minimal cost or, in
9 some instances, at no charge at all; in addition to clothes, they
10 sell donated baby items, household goods, toys, and books; all of
11 the proceeds collected are given to charitable organizations in the
12 community; and

13 WHEREAS, The Clothes Closet raised more than \$30,000 in 2010,
14 half of which was donated to the Upshur County Child Welfare Board;
15 the remaining funds were distributed to other worthy causes,
16 including the Upshur County Food Bank, the American Cancer Society
17 Relay for Life, the Friends of the Upshur County Public Library
18 Summer Reading Program, and the Upward Basketball scholarship
19 program; and

20 WHEREAS, In acknowledging the exceptional efforts of the
21 Clothes Closet volunteers, the chamber paid special recognition to
22 the group's current chair, Joy Beth Moore, and to Milta Baugh and
23 Loyce Williford, who have helped run the project for nearly 20
24 years; and

1 WHEREAS, The Clothes Closet provides vital assistance to
2 those in difficult circumstances and contributes to programs that
3 enrich the lives of countless area residents, and the women who
4 conduct this outstanding ministry are indeed deserving of
5 commendation; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
7 Legislature hereby congratulate the volunteers of the First United
8 Methodist Church Clothes Closet on receiving the Unsung Hero Award
9 from the Gilmer Area Chamber of Commerce and extend to them sincere
10 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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