

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Prize Women's Ministry of Trinity Church in Lubbock
2 is hosting the second annual Running to Rescue race on June 8, 2013,
3 to heighten awareness of human trafficking and raise funds to aid
4 victims of this terrible crime; and

5 WHEREAS, Human trafficking is a problem of rising urgency in
6 the United States, where more than 17,500 adults and children are
7 victimized annually; the crime is often intertwined with drug
8 trafficking and prostitution, particularly when it involves
9 victims who are U.S. citizens, making it difficult to even assess
10 the full extent of its reach; foreign victims are more often found
11 in such sectors of the labor market as domestic service,
12 agriculture, manufacturing, janitorial services, hospitality, and
13 construction; and

14 WHEREAS, In its first year, Running to Rescue raised \$21,000
15 for the A21 Campaign, which the race is also supporting in 2013; the
16 campaign works in partnership with law enforcement, foreign
17 embassies, service providers, and other nongovernmental agencies
18 to strengthen counter-trafficking efforts, including the
19 identification of traffickers and victims; in addition, it
20 coordinates with other organizations to provide victim assistance,
21 such as secure repatriation and referrals to service providers in
22 the home countries of the abused; and

23 WHEREAS, The members of Prize Women's Ministry are making a
24 positive impact through their dedicated efforts in behalf of the

1 victims of human trafficking, and it is indeed fitting to recognize
2 their outstanding contributions; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
4 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby honor Prize Women's
5 Ministry of Trinity Church on the occasion of its second annual
6 Running to Rescue race and extend to the members sincere best wishes
7 for continued success in their worthwhile endeavors; and, be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for the group as an expression of high regard by the Texas
11 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 29

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 29 was adopted by the House on June 21, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House