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H.R. No. 1187

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Parkinson Voice Project of Richardson surpassed  
2 its fund-raising goal for 2012, raising more than \$1.3 million; and

3           WHEREAS, A nonprofit organization, the Parkinson Voice  
4 Project seeks to help those with Parkinson's disease and related  
5 neurological disorders by providing intensive voice therapy,  
6 follow-up support, education, research, and community awareness;  
7 and

8           WHEREAS, Nearly a million people in the United States,  
9 including about 5,000 individuals in North Texas, are affected by  
10 Parkinson's disease, which puts them in danger of losing the  
11 ability to speak; the Parkinson Voice Project assists those  
12 suffering from the disease with its SPEAK OUT program, which works  
13 with individuals to improve vocal volume and speech articulation;  
14 and

15           WHEREAS, In 2012, the Parkinson Voice Project raised more  
16 than double its previous year's total donations, with generous  
17 support from the Rainwater Charitable Foundation and the Pauline  
18 Allen Gill Foundation, as well as contributions from patients,  
19 family members, and others in the community; the funds are being  
20 directed toward the cost of leasing and remodeling a larger  
21 treatment facility and expanding therapy services; and

22           WHEREAS, Aably led by founder and CEO Samantha Elandary, the  
23 Parkinson Voice Project is enhancing the quality of life of many  
24 Texans with Parkinson's disease, and it is a pleasure to recognize

1 the staff and supporters of this outstanding organization; now,  
2 therefore, be it

3         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
4 Legislature hereby congratulate the Parkinson Voice Project on  
5 surpassing its 2012 fund-raising goal and extend to all those  
6 associated with the project sincere best wishes for continued  
7 success with their important work; and, be it further

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