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H.R. No. 1683

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Texas chapter of the American
2 Fraternal Alliance are having a Texas kickoff for Join Hands Day on
3 May 1, 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, A national organization of fraternal benefit
5 societies, the American Fraternal Alliance facilitates connections
6 among its members and promotes issues of mutual concern; the
7 Fraternal Alliance of Texas includes some 1,881 chapters of 40
8 different societies, which combined have more than 638,000
9 individual members and provide a variety of services to their
10 communities; and

11 WHEREAS, Join Hands Day, held nationwide on the first
12 Saturday in May, encourages youth and adults to participate in
13 helpful local projects; in addition to this annual event, the
14 alliance supports U.S. service members at home and abroad and
15 cooperates with Habitat for Humanity, the Special Olympics, the
16 Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Radiothon, and KaBoom!; the
17 group also addresses the problem of hunger by backing local food
18 pantries, international meal packaging programs, and soup
19 kitchens; and

20 WHEREAS, Through their charitable financial contributions
21 and commendable voluntary endeavors, members of the Fraternal
22 Alliance of Texas have immeasurably benefited countless people
23 across the Lone Star State, and the Join Hands Day events provide a
24 fitting opportunity to recognize and commend them for their good

1 works; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
3 Legislature hereby honor the Fraternal Alliance of Texas and extend
4 to all those involved with Join Hands Day sincere best wishes for
5 the future; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for the alliance as an expression of high regard by the
8 Texas House of Representatives.