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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, United Way of Metropolitan Dallas is commemorating  
2 the 90th anniversary of its founding in 2014; and

3 WHEREAS, Originally known as the Dallas Community Chest,  
4 United Way of Metropolitan Dallas was formed in 1924 through an  
5 alliance among several local agencies: Camp Fire, Child Care  
6 Dallas, the Dallas Child Guidance Clinic, the Family Guidance  
7 Center, Girl Scouts, Hope Cottage, Salesmanship Club Youth and  
8 Family Centers, and the Salvation Army; and

9 WHEREAS, The Dallas Community Chest was composed of 37  
10 agencies by 1961, and that same year, the organization forged a  
11 partnership with the American Red Cross; led by Texas Instruments  
12 cofounder J. Erik Jonsson, this new iteration was known as the  
13 United Fund; during that time, the organization's mission evolved  
14 to accommodate a wider social consciousness, with such agencies as  
15 the Dallas Urban League, the Arc of Dallas, and the Lancaster  
16 Outreach Society reflecting emerging concerns for persons of color  
17 and those with physical or economic challenges; and

18 WHEREAS, The United Fund became United Way in 1973, after  
19 joining with United Way of America, now a trade association for  
20 affiliates nationwide; to this day, however, United Way of  
21 Metropolitan Dallas remains governed by local volunteers; and

22 WHEREAS, United Way of Metropolitan Dallas serves residents  
23 in the counties of Dallas, Collin, Rockwall, and southern Denton,  
24 where it strives to prepare children for graduation and success, to

1 help families escape poverty, and to enable people to lead healthy  
2 and responsible lives; its many worthwhile programs are sustained  
3 through the support of the more than 95,000 North Texans who donate  
4 to United Way each year, as well as the dedicated community  
5 volunteers who collectively log nearly 14,000 hours of their time  
6 to ensure that every dollar received has the greatest possible  
7 impact; and

8 WHEREAS, For the past nine decades, United Way of  
9 Metropolitan Dallas has mobilized communities and inspired  
10 positive change in the lives of countless Texans, and all those  
11 whose efforts have helped to further this vital cause are deserving  
12 of the highest commendation; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
14 Legislature hereby honor United Way of Metropolitan Dallas on the  
15 occasion of its 90th anniversary and commend United Way's  
16 supporters and volunteers for their many good works; and, be it  
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for United Way of Metropolitan Dallas as an expression of  
20 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.