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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Catholic Charities of Dallas has provided a helping
hand to countless individuals in need for nearly 75 years; and
WHEREAS, Founded in 1941, Catholic Charities of Dallas offers
assistance to people of every race, religion, and national origin,
with the goal of helping them achieve self-sufficiency; the group's

6 efforts extend to disadvantaged families and other vulnerable

7 individuals throughout the nine counties that make up the Diocese

8 of Dallas; and

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WHEREAS, Through its Immigration and Legal Services Program, Catholic Charities of Dallas advocates for persons and families seeking American citizenship by helping to guide them through the immigration process; caseworkers for the organization make clients aware of their rights and various aspects of immigration law while assisting them with obtaining family visas, representing victims of domestic abuse and violent crime, and supporting custodians of unaccompanied children; and

WHEREAS, Volunteers and professionals for Catholic Charities
of Dallas also work diligently to resettle refugees who have left
their home country behind to seek asylum in the Dallas area; the
refugee resettlement program relies on donations of household items
and furniture from the public to furnish apartments, where refugees
can have a safe place to live upon arriving in Dallas; and

WHEREAS, Catholic Charities of Dallas has remained steadfast in its commitment to providing area residents with the support and

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- 1 direction they need to secure a bright future for themselves, and
- 2 the organization has made a positive and lasting difference in many
- 3 lives; now, therefore, be it
- 4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
- 5 Legislature hereby commend the efforts of Catholic Charities of
- 6 Dallas and extend to all those associated with the organization
- 7 best wishes for continued success with their many good works; and,
- 8 be it further
- 9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 10 prepared for Catholic Charities of Dallas as an expression of high
- 11 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 788 was adopted by the House on March 12, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House