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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Matagorda County United Way is marking 50 years
 of service to the area with a golden jubilee celebration on October
 12, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Incorporated on June 30, 1967, by a group of area 4 5 leaders, the Matagorda County United Way is committed to serving Matagorda and Wharton Counties by addressing the most critical 6 community needs; one of more than 1,000 local United Ways 7 throughout the world, the organization accomplishes its work by 8 9 supporting nonprofit partner agencies with funding, education, training, and other forms of assistance, and at times by 10 establishing programs to address gaps in service that are not 11 12 currently being filled by other groups; and

13 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Matagorda County United Way 14 has seen an increase of nearly 1,500 percent in its annual campaign funds, which go toward programs and organizations that touch the 15 16 lives of 70,000 people every year; today, it oversees such important initiatives as a disaster relief coordination project, a 17 local FEMA program, a community resource coordination group for 18 families, and a virtual volunteer center that connects agencies 19 20 with individuals who want to make a difference; the organization 21 also maintains a help line and a directory of human services, and it collaborates with a prescription discount program to provide 22 23 low-cost drugs to the uninsured; and

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WHEREAS, The Matagorda County United Way has made an untold

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1 impact in the lives of countless Texans, and it is a pleasure to 2 join in commemorating this significant milestone in the 3 organization's history; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby honor the Matagorda County
United Way on the occasion of its 50th anniversary and commend its
supporters and volunteers for their many good works; and, be it
further

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

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