

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Helping Hands for Housing of Richardson is providing  
2 important services to area veterans and their families, and this  
3 admirable group is truly deserving of special recognition; and

4           WHEREAS, On any given night, nearly 48,000 veterans can be  
5 found living on the streets of the United States, and approximately  
6 22 veterans take their own lives every day; in response to this  
7 urgent problem, Helping Hands for Housing was founded in 2015 by Tom  
8 Parris, who had long been involved in the residential real estate  
9 industry; with a particular focus on aiding those who have served  
10 since 9/11, this notable organization seeks to help homeless  
11 veterans secure affordable housing; and

12           WHEREAS, In fulfilling its mission, Helping Hands tackles  
13 homelessness using a variety of strategies, including building,  
14 rehabilitating, and managing homes and rental units and organizing  
15 programs to promote homeownership and financial literacy; this  
16 outstanding nonprofit also helps veterans and other homeless  
17 individuals to connect with job centers and to secure job training,  
18 and the group works to increase access to counseling services for  
19 former members of the armed forces and their families; and

20           WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt of gratitude to those  
21 brave men and women who have risked their all in defense of this  
22 nation, and since its inception, Helping Hands for Housing has made  
23 a meaningful difference in the community by ensuring that local  
24 veterans receive the support they so richly deserve; now,

1 therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
3 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Helping Hands for  
4 Housing for its efforts in behalf of Texas veterans and extend to  
5 Mr. Parris and all those associated with the organization sincere  
6 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 297

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 297 was adopted by the House on August 15, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House