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H.R. No. 354

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Navidad En El Barrio of Houston is celebrating its
2 30th anniversary in 2017; and

3 WHEREAS, Since 1987, Navidad En El Barrio has hosted events
4 designed to bring joy to those in need; its premier event, the
5 Christmas Program, is a holiday party for children from Title I
6 schools; students from low-income families receive gifts as well as
7 books and healthy food, and an essay contest provides the
8 opportunity to win such prizes as bicycles and gift cards; at the
9 same time, by bringing a canned good for donation to a local food
10 pantry, youngsters learn that they, too, can make a positive
11 difference; and

12 WHEREAS, More than 10,000 presents are distributed on the day
13 of the party; in addition, area youth provide entertainment, which
14 shows smaller children what they might achieve by honing their own
15 talents; after an appearance by Pancho Claus, Santa Claus rides in
16 on a motorcycle, escorted by members of the Houston Police
17 Department Officers Riding Club, who help boys and girls develop a
18 friendly rapport with law enforcement; and

19 WHEREAS, Expanding its outreach, NEEB has implemented a
20 number of other programs, among them a party for children whose
21 mothers are incarcerated at the Harris County Jail and a dance
22 competition with lunch and door prizes for some 400 senior
23 citizens; it also takes at-risk teens to the Houston Livestock Show
24 and Rodeo and treats them to a holiday party where each guest

1 receives books and a substantial gift card; moreover, it sponsors a
2 college scholarship to encourage academic achievement among eighth
3 graders, who can qualify for an additional \$500 grant every year
4 until they reach a total of \$2,500 at graduation; and

5 WHEREAS, Navidad En El Barrio has benefited a host of Houston
6 residents over the past three decades, and it is indeed a pleasure
7 to recognize this noteworthy organization as it celebrates this
8 significant milestone in its history; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
10 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Navidad En El
11 Barrio on its 30th anniversary and extend to the organization
12 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives.