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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, The Texas Dental Association and Texas Dental
- 2 Association Smiles Foundation sponsor numerous visits by a mobile
- 3 dental clinic to communities across the Lone Star State; and
- WHEREAS, With the crucial support of dentists, laboratories,
- 5 and non-dental personnel who donate their services to help others,
- 6 the Texas Mission of Mercy program offers basic dental care free of
- 7 charge to uninsured Texans; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Since 2001, TMOM events have provided more than
- 9 29,000 patients with care valued at nearly \$15 million; on November
- 10 11 and 12, 2016, the first TMOM event to focus on Texas veterans was
- 11 held at the Cummings Recreation Center in Dallas; over 80 dentists
- 12 and another 388 volunteers participated, providing dental care
- 13 valued at nearly \$482,000 to the 462 veterans in attendance; and
- 14 WHEREAS, The Texas Dental Association and Texas Dental
- 15 Association Smiles Foundation are making an immeasurable
- 16 difference in the lives of those they serve, and all who make the
- 17 Texas Mission of Mercy possible are indeed deserving of deepest
- 18 appreciation; now, therefore, be it
- 19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
- 20 Legislature hereby commend the members of the Texas Dental
- 21 Association and Texas Dental Association Smiles Foundation for
- 22 offering vital dental care to their fellow Texans through the 2017
- 23 Texas Mission of Mercy; and, be it further
- 24 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared

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- $1\,\,$  for these two groups as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 2 House of Representatives.