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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, It's Going To Be Ok, Inc., is holding its Stop the
2 Traffick 5K Walk/Run in Dallas on June 10, 2017; and

3 WHEREAS, This nonprofit organization was founded by Tonya
4 Stafford, a survivor of human trafficking who has dedicated her
5 life to providing hope and healing to others who have experienced
6 similar exploitation; in her advocacy efforts, she has testified
7 before the Texas House Committee on Homeland Security and Public
8 Safety, supporting the successful passage of House Bill 2290, which
9 designated January as Human Trafficking Prevention Month; in all
10 her endeavors, she is guided by her mission to serve as a champion
11 for survivors and as a voice for those who are no longer here to
12 speak for themselves; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Stafford formed IGTBOK with the vision of
14 creating a just world where women, children, and all vulnerable
15 adults are safe, respected, and valued; with a focus on targeting
16 human trafficking and cyber exploitation in Dallas County and
17 beyond, IGTBOK carries out its mission by collaborating with
18 students, educators, law enforcement, health care workers,
19 community leaders, and faith-based communities to promote
20 education, research, and support for victims; and

21 WHEREAS, Often hidden in plain sight, human trafficking preys
22 on the most vulnerable, but awareness and advocacy can serve as
23 important weapons in the struggle to end this heinous crime and
24 enable survivors to move forward with their lives; now, therefore,

1 be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
3 Legislature hereby honor It's Going To Be Ok on the occasion of its
4 Stop the Traffick 5K Walk/Run in Dallas and commend Tonya Stafford
5 and her allies for their courageous work in behalf of this important
6 cause; and, be it further

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