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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Heart Galleries of Texas are working to raise  
2 awareness of children in state care who are currently waiting to be  
3 placed in permanent, loving homes; and

4 WHEREAS, Heart Galleries are traveling exhibits that feature  
5 portraits and biographies of foster children from the local  
6 community; the national model for the Heart Gallery originated with  
7 the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department in 2001, and  
8 it has since helped connect foster children with adoptive families  
9 in a number of states and cities across the country; and

10 WHEREAS, The State of Texas has embraced this innovative  
11 concept in recent years, and many community partners and adoption  
12 agencies have come forward to assist the Texas Department of Family  
13 and Protective Services in its efforts to promote the adoption of  
14 Texas children; Heart Galleries rely on a multitude of volunteers  
15 who lend their time and talents to this endeavor, as well as on  
16 community institutions, ranging from churches and libraries to  
17 businesses and state agencies, that generously serve as host venues  
18 for the program; and

19 WHEREAS, The Heart Galleries of Texas are making a profound  
20 difference in the lives of countless children, as well as in the  
21 lives of the families who choose to embark on the rewarding journey  
22 of opening their home to a young Texan in need; now, therefore, be  
23 it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby honor the Heart Galleries of Texas for their  
2 outstanding work to connect children with adoptive families and  
3 extend to all those involved with this worthwhile cause sincere  
4 best wishes for continued success.