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R E S O L U T I O N

1   WHEREAS, Patient AirLift Services, through its Sky Hope
2 Disaster Relief Program, played a vital role in the Hurricane
3 Harvey recovery effort by transporting patients, relief workers,
4 and supplies into and out of the disaster area; and
5   WHEREAS, PALS is a nonprofit organization, based in the
6 northeastern United States, that arranges free air transportation
7 to medical appointments for individuals who cannot afford or are
8 otherwise unable to fly commercially; it also deploys flights for
9 humanitarian purposes in the event of natural or man-made
10 disasters; and
11   WHEREAS, The historic flooding that took place as Hurricane
12 Harvey swept through Southeast Texas in August 2017 created one of
13 the worst humanitarian crises in the area in recent history;
14 answering the call to action, PALS and its partners flew a total of
15 154 missions into Jefferson and Orange Counties, 114 of which were
16 flights that involved delivering 500-1,000 pounds of food, water,
17 medical supplies, and other equipment; the remainder of the
18 missions transported passengers, including patients with urgent
19 medical needs, health care workers, and search and rescue teams;
20 and
21   WHEREAS, The courageous efforts of PALS pilots and crews were
22 instrumental in preventing further loss of life in communities that
23 were impacted the worst by the storm, and all those affiliated with
24 this outstanding program have earned the heartfelt gratitude of

1 countless Texans; now, therefore, be it

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

3 Legislature hereby honor the Patient AirLift Services Sky Hope

4 Disaster Relief Program for its aid to the State of Texas in the

5 aftermath of Hurricane Harvey and extend to PALS and its partners

6 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

7   RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

8 prepared for PALS as an expression of high regard by the Texas House

9 of Representatives.