

By: Patterson

H.R. No. 1693

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Yohann Lopes, a fourth grader at Bledsoe Elementary
2 in the Frisco Independent School District, has demonstrated
3 extraordinary compassion for those in need through his work as the
4 founder of Our Helping Hearts; and

5 WHEREAS, Yohann started the nonprofit in 2017, when he was
6 eight years old, after visiting a homeless shelter in India; when he
7 remarked that there were no homeless or hungry people in Texas, his
8 parents drove him to South Dallas after returning home, and he was
9 shocked and saddened by the sight of people on the streets begging
10 and searching for food; and

11 WHEREAS, Determined to do something to help, Yohann invited
12 his friends over to make sandwiches to deliver to homeless
13 shelters, and he was ultimately able to enlist 30 people to make a
14 total of 520 sandwiches; Our Helping Hearts has since grown
15 tremendously, and in 2018, it donated more than 120,000 sandwiches,
16 over 4,500 nonperishable food items, and more than 550 pairs of
17 socks; today, Yohann is also involved in planning the
18 organization's public and private events with schools, churches,
19 corporate offices, and other community partners; and

20 WHEREAS, Yohann continues to come up with new ideas for how to
21 increase assistance to homeless and food-insecure residents;
22 looking to the future, he has plans to set up a mobile food pantry
23 and to begin soliciting donations of unused food from local
24 restaurants; and

1 WHEREAS, Through this outstanding endeavor, Yohann Lopes has
2 proven himself to be a remarkably caring and resourceful young
3 Texan, and he is a source of great pride and inspiration to his
4 family and his community; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
6 Legislature hereby honor Yohann Lopes for working to provide food
7 and care items to his fellow Texans in need and extend to him
8 sincere best wishes for continued success with Our Helping Hearts;
9 and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Yohann as an expression of high regard by the Texas
12 House of Representatives.