

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 22

WHEREAS, The strength and cohesion of our communities are enhanced by the devoted efforts of individuals such as Robert Williams, whose tireless work has made a positive difference in the lives of many people in the Metroplex region; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, Mr. Williams founded Ranch Hands Rescue to care for farm animals with special needs; two years later, he implemented an equine- and animal-assisted counseling program at the rescue, which connects victims of trauma with animals and with counselors to promote healing; moreover, the organization offers other mental health services, such as an eye movement desensitization and reprocessing program (EMDR); under his able leadership, Ranch Hands Rescue has helped more than 1,700 people and rehabilitated hundreds of animals; and

WHEREAS, On June 1, 2021, Mr. Williams opened Bob's House of Hope in Denton, one of the first long-term safe houses in the country for male victims of sex trafficking; the initiative provides shelter and 24-hour care to young men aged 18 to 24, and residents can stay in the program for up to three years; participants also have access to services provided by Ranch Hands Rescue, as well as to mentoring programs; and

WHEREAS, An esteemed civic leader, Mr. Williams has served on a task force organized by Governor Greg Abbott to bring awareness to human trafficking; in addition, he has partnered with law enforcement officials to provide assistance to victims; and

WHEREAS, Bob Williams has contributed to his fellow citizens through a lifetime of purposeful endeavor and, in so doing, he has set an inspiring example of compassion and generosity toward others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Robert Williams for his service to the Metroplex region and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mr. Williams as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 26, 2021.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate