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H.R. No. 179

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Central Texas Veterans Service Organization
2 Alliance in Buda demonstrated a steadfast commitment to supporting
3 area residents during the COVID-19 pandemic and the February 2021
4 winter storm; and

5 WHEREAS, These unprecedented circumstances placed immense
6 burdens on our communities, and in response, the alliance set an
7 inspiring example of civic leadership; the organization is made up
8 of members from Buda VFW Post No. 12161, American Legion Post
9 No. 213, AMVETS Post No. 115, and the F7 Group; and

10 WHEREAS, In March 2020, the Central Texas veterans initiated
11 a COVID-19 relief operation that spanned four months; in that time,
12 volunteers sewed and distributed 12,000 masks in addition to
13 delivering 2,500 commercially made masks, and they equipped Texas
14 medical facilities with 5,500 surgical mask extenders; moreover,
15 the group provided food and supplies to approximately 50 families
16 in need; and

17 WHEREAS, In February 2021, the organization responded to the
18 devastation caused by Winter Storm Uri by launching a disaster
19 feeding program; under the leadership of Cassaundra
20 Melgar-C'De Baca, Rachel Patrick, Jay Gonzales, J. R. Gonzales, and
21 Kerman Hammond, volunteers served more than 31,000 meals to first
22 responders, utility workers, hospitals, nursing homes, and the
23 elderly and disabled over the course of six days; the initiative
24 also supplied thousands of families with food and water until local

1 infrastructure resumed operation; and

2 WHEREAS, The tireless dedication of the Central Texas
3 Veterans Service Organization Alliance has made a positive
4 difference in the lives of countless Texans during a time of crisis,
5 and the organization is truly deserving of special recognition for
6 its efforts; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
8 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby commend the Central Texas
9 Veterans Service Organization Alliance for its service during the
10 COVID-19 pandemic and the February 2021 winter storm and extend to
11 the group's members sincere best wishes for continued success in
12 their important work; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for the alliance as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives.