

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Each year, the Children First Counseling Center of
2 Grand Prairie hosts its Little Lunch of HOPE to raise funds for the
3 agency's important work; and

4 WHEREAS, Established in 1977, Children First initially
5 operated as Family Outreach, a volunteer organization that
6 performed case management for the Texas Department of Protective
7 and Regulatory Services; its mission evolved to encompass
8 professional counseling and therapy services for victims of abuse,
9 and as it separated from the state, it incorporated under its
10 present-day name to better reflect its focus and services; and

11 WHEREAS, Today, Children First is a nonprofit agency
12 providing counseling services by a diverse staff of licensed
13 therapists with master's degrees; it accepts clients age three and
14 older, including adults, who reside in Grand Prairie and
15 surrounding areas in Dallas and Tarrant Counties; most are eligible
16 for care at little to no cost, thanks to funding from such sources
17 as government grants, donations, and the United Way; and

18 WHEREAS, The agency is dedicated to ending the cycle of child
19 abuse and family violence and supports mental health in a variety of
20 ways; in addition to the state-accredited Batterers Intervention
21 and Prevention Program, it offers specialized adolescent services
22 and general counseling for a range of issues, from grief, anxiety,
23 and depression to trauma and stress; and

24 WHEREAS, Through its endeavors, Children First has made a

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1 positive difference in the lives of countless Texans, and in so
2 doing, it has helped to strengthen area families and communities;
3 now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
5 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commemorate the Children
6 First Counseling Center's annual Little Lunch of HOPE and extend to
7 all those associated with the organization sincere best wishes for
8 continued success; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for Children First Counseling Center as an expression of
11 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 100 was adopted by the House on
October 14, 2021, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House