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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

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.