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RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Joe Olvera, lead custodian at William B. Travis
- 2 Academy in Dallas, demonstrated exceptional dedication to the
- 3 school during the February 2021 winter storm; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Olvera has been a valued member of the staff at
- 5 William B. Travis, a Dallas ISD magnet school for gifted and
- 6 talented students, for 21 years; as the community was beset with an
- 7 unprecedented bout of subfreezing weather, he went to the campus to
- 8 keep watch over it in the frigid temperatures; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Camping overnight in the more than half-century-old
- 10 building, Mr. Olvera slept on an air mattress and brought along
- 11 space heaters to keep himself warm; he made regular rounds of the
- 12 building, monitoring the water pipes and repairing a number of
- 13 small leaks, and thanks to his vigilance, the school was able to
- 14 survive the historic weather event with minimal issues; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Although Joe Olvera's commitment to his work as a
- 16 custodian is well-known among the students, staff, and teachers of
- 17 William B. Travis, he demonstrated a remarkable willingness to go
- 18 above and beyond to safeguard the school at a challenging time for
- 19 the community, and he is deserving of special praise for his
- 20 actions; now, therefore, be it
- 21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
- 22 Legislature hereby commend custodian Joe Olvera for watching over
- 23 William B. Travis Academy in Dallas during the February 2021 winter
- 24 storm and extend to him sincere appreciation for his efforts; and,

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- 1 be it further
- 2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 3 prepared for Mr. Olvera as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 4 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 252 was adopted by the House on March 18, 2021, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House