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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In February 2021, citizens across Texas experienced
2 the devastating effects of Winter Storm Uri, and in Harris County,
3 Judge Lina Hidalgo played an important role in helping the
4 community respond to this unprecedented emergency; and

5 WHEREAS, Prior to the storm, Judge Hidalgo warned Texans
6 about the upcoming crisis and provided guidance on how to prepare;
7 she called attention to the high probability of power outages,
8 dangerous outdoor conditions, and road closures, and she ensured
9 that emergency personnel and homeless outreach organizations were
10 notified about county-operated warming shelters; and

11 WHEREAS, As the storm progressed, Judge Hidalgo signed a
12 disaster declaration for the county and communicated important
13 information regarding the widespread power outages and the threat
14 of carbon monoxide poisoning; in addition, when a backup generator
15 failed at the Harris County Public Health Department building, she
16 was instrumental in coordinating the distribution of thousands of
17 vaccines before they were affected by lack of refrigeration; she
18 also guided the Harris County Office of Homeland Security and
19 Emergency Management in dispersing water, meals, personal
20 protective equipment, blankets, and cots to area residents; and

21 WHEREAS, Judge Hidalgo partnered with Houston Mayor
22 Sylvester Turner to establish the Houston Harris County Winter
23 Storm Relief Fund; the initiative provides grants to nonprofit
24 organizations that help support residents with needs that are not

1 being met by other local and federal efforts, including those
2 requiring plumbing and home repairs and temporary housing; and

3 WHEREAS, Demonstrating exceptional initiative and
4 perseverance during a time of crisis, Lina Hidalgo dedicated time
5 and directed community resources to assist those in need, and she is
6 indeed deserving of special recognition for her contributions; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
9 Legislature hereby honor Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo for her
10 leadership during Winter Storm Uri and extend to her deep
11 appreciation for her exemplary public service; and, be it further

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