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H.R. No. 375

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Magic Valley Electric Cooperative has played a vital
2 role in the lives of Rio Grande Valley residents for more than eight
3 decades, and its crews went to commendable lengths to restore power
4 to area households in the wake of Hurricane Hanna; and

5 WHEREAS, The storm made landfall as a Category 1 hurricane on
6 Padre Island on July 25, 2020, bringing winds of up to 90 miles per
7 hour and inundating parts of South Texas with over 15 inches of
8 rain; disaster declarations were issued in 32 counties, and as a
9 result of downed power lines and other infrastructure damage, tens
10 of thousands of outages were reported in Corpus Christi, Laredo,
11 and the Rio Grande Valley; and

12 WHEREAS, At the peak of the outages, more than 75,000 Magic
13 Valley Electric Cooperative members, a majority of the
14 organization's patrons, were without power; in the week that
15 followed, MVEC deployed linemen to neighborhoods that received
16 storm damage, and through their diligent efforts, electricity was
17 restored to almost all of those affected within days of the
18 hurricane; and

19 WHEREAS, Founded by a group of local farmers and ranchers in
20 1937, MVEC is an independent not-for-profit member-owned
21 organization; it has long been an integral part of the community,
22 and it is today a reliable source of electric power to over 125,000
23 member accounts in seven counties; and

24 WHEREAS, After nearly a century in the Rio Grande Valley,

1 Magic Valley Electric Cooperative continues to further its
2 reputation for excellence, and the professionals who were part of
3 its Hurricane Hanna recovery team are to be commended for their
4 dedicated efforts; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
6 Legislature hereby honor Magic Valley Electric Cooperative for its
7 outstanding work to restore service to its members in the aftermath
8 of Hurricane Hanna and that all those affiliated with the
9 organization be extended sincere best wishes for continued success;
10 and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for Magic Valley Electric Cooperative as an expression of
13 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.