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H.R. No. 569

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, From February 13-17, 2021, a historic winter storm  
2 swept across the state and brought significant snowfall, freezing  
3 rain, and sustained, below-freezing temperatures to the Central  
4 Texas area; and

5           WHEREAS, The winter conditions resulted in blackouts that  
6 impacted nearly 200,000 Austin Energy homes and more throughout the  
7 Travis County area, forcing many Texans to contend with freezing  
8 weather without heat or electricity; as ice accumulated on  
9 roadways, some area residents were unable to obtain food or make  
10 trips for other essential items, and the record-low temperatures  
11 also led to frozen or burst pipes that left many without running  
12 water; and

13           WHEREAS, During this unprecedented event, leaders and  
14 citizens of Central Texas stepped up to provide food, water, and  
15 other resources to community members in need; many of them were  
16 experiencing their own hardships at this time, and some braved  
17 dangerous road conditions in order to reach and render aid to their  
18 vulnerable neighbors; and

19           WHEREAS, Among those who distinguished themselves in the  
20 midst of this crisis was Parris Charles, who coordinated relief  
21 efforts for elderly residents at the Cambridge Villas Senior  
22 Housing Apartments; and

23           WHEREAS, Winter Storm Uri was a natural disaster of historic  
24 magnitude for our state, and Central Texans are profoundly grateful

1 for the caring individuals who went above and beyond during this  
2 challenging time for their community; now, therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
4 Legislature hereby honor Parris Charles for providing vital help to  
5 his neighbors during Winter Storm Uri and extend to him sincere  
6 appreciation for his hard work and selfless service; and, be it  
7 further

8       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
9 prepared for Mr. Charles as an expression of high regard by the  
10 Texas House of Representatives.