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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 were students at The University of Texas School  
21 of Nursing, who coordinated relief efforts for elderly residents at  
22 the Cambridge Villas Senior 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 students at The University of Texas School  
5 of Nursing for providing vital help to their neighbors during  
6 Winter Storm Uri and extend to them sincere appreciation for their  
7 hard work and selfless service; and, be it further

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