

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 Herman Whitney, who helped organize
21 volunteers to assist Austin residents in need; and

22 WHEREAS, Winter Storm Uri was a natural disaster of historic
23 magnitude for our state, and Central Texans are profoundly grateful
24 for the caring individuals who went above and beyond during this

1 challenging time for their community; now, therefore, be it

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

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

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H.R. No. 578

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 578 was adopted by the House on April 16, 2021, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House