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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 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.