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RESOLUTION

- 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 Nicole Negrete, who delivered hot meals and
- 21 organized 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

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- 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 Nicole Negrete for providing vital help to
- 4 her neighbors during Winter Storm Uri and extend to her sincere
- 5 appreciation for her hard work and selfless service; and, be it
- 6 further
- 7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 8 prepared for Ms. Negrete as an expression of high regard by the
- 9 Texas House of Representatives.