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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 Megha Uppal and the members of the South
21 Asians' International Volunteer Association, who delivered hot
22 meals and coordinated relief efforts for Austin residents in need;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Winter Storm Uri was a natural disaster of historic

1 magnitude for our state, and Central Texans are profoundly grateful
2 for the caring individuals who went above and beyond during this
3 challenging time for their community; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
5 Legislature hereby honor Megha Uppal and the members of the South
6 Asians' International Volunteer Association for providing vital
7 help to their neighbors during Winter Storm Uri and extend to them
8 sincere appreciation for their hard work and selfless service; and,
9 be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Ms. Uppal and SAIVA as an expression of high regard by
12 the Texas House of Representatives.