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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Raising the Bridge, a nonprofit organization
2 dedicated to providing guidance and support to at-risk youth, is
3 celebrating its fifth anniversary on June 2, 2021; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded in 2016 in Mesquite, Raising the Bridge
5 serves children who are ages 12 to 18 by offering a number of
6 mentoring, athletic, and sustainable life skills programs, as well
7 as a community garden that helps rehabilitate youth who are
8 involved in the juvenile justice system; moreover, the organization
9 has implemented a capital campaign to support the development of
10 the Raising the Bridge Youth Center, which allocates space for
11 various recreational activities, community involvement
12 opportunities, and programs to assist homeless youth, such as a
13 food pantry and clothing closet; and

14 WHEREAS, Drawing on the efforts of numerous staff members and
15 volunteers, Raising the Bridge has helped improve the lives of
16 countless teenagers in Mesquite and the surrounding area; the
17 organization is skillfully led by its chief executive officer and
18 executive director, Andrew Morris, who established Raising the
19 Bridge after facing challenges in his own life; and

20 WHEREAS, Through their outstanding work to help youth reach
21 their full potential, the dedicated staff and volunteers of Raising
22 the Bridge have made their communities stronger and safer, and they
23 are indeed deserving of special recognition for their
24 contributions; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
2 Legislature hereby honor Raising the Bridge on the occasion of its
3 fifth anniversary and extend to all those involved with the
4 organization sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the
7 Texas House of Representatives.