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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels of Amarillo is celebrating its 50th
2 anniversary in 2021, and this milestone offers a welcome
3 opportunity to recognize this exceptional organization; and

4 WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels of Amarillo delivers hot, nutritious
5 meals to area residents who are unable to prepare food for
6 themselves, including homebound senior citizens and people with
7 severe disabilities; living up to its tagline, "More than Just a
8 Meal," the organization encourages its volunteers to build
9 emotional bonds with clients; as a result, delivery drivers have
10 saved a number of lives by checking on the well-being and safety of
11 clients and alerting first responders if an emergency occurs; and

12 WHEREAS, Established by 12 local churches in 1971, Meals on
13 Wheels of Amarillo has grown to provide meals to more than 330
14 recipients with the help of over 450 volunteers, and in 2020, it
15 moved to its current location in Amarillo's hospital district; the
16 organization has benefited from the able leadership of its
17 executive director, Susie Akers, as well as its dedicated staff,
18 Lota Taylor, Jordan Jones, Tamy Lane, Titus Medley, and Angie
19 Kreusel, and board of directors, Cory Mathis, Carl Nichols, Gayle
20 Ray, Jennifer Lang, Jessie Rodriguez, Michelle Parsons, Jana
21 Chaffin, Michelle Lamons, Brenda Blakley, Andrew Altman, Brian
22 Hudson, David Martinez, Dane Williams, Kerry McLain, and Alex
23 Priest; and

24 WHEREAS, Over the past five decades, Meals on Wheels of

1 Amarillo has played a vital role in the local community, and the
2 organization is indeed deserving of special recognition for its
3 invaluable contributions; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
5 Legislature hereby commemorate the 50th anniversary of Meals on
6 Wheels of Amarillo and extend to all those associated with the
7 organization sincere best wishes for continued success with their
8 important work; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for Meals on Wheels of Amarillo as an expression of high
11 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.