

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Three young Texans, Raisa Gire, Zunaira Farooq, and
2 Samar Siddiqui, have joined together to establish R-Zu Water
3 Project, a Houston-based nonprofit organization that provides
4 clean drinking water to communities in developing countries; and

5 WHEREAS, The students were compelled to take action after
6 learning that hundreds of millions of people lack ready access to
7 clean, safe water; this is a major issue in rural and remote parts
8 of the world, and children, especially girls, are often given the
9 responsibility of collecting water for their families, making it
10 more difficult for them to attend school; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2016, Ms. Gire and Ms. Farooq decided to draw
12 greeting cards by hand for Eid al-Fitr, the festival that marks the
13 end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, and use the proceeds from
14 selling them to raise funds for grassroots water charities; the
15 idea was met with enthusiasm by their community, and with their
16 establishment of the R-Zu Water Project, the pair committed to
17 collecting funds and donations each year during Ramadan for their
18 cause; the team's third member, Ms. Siddiqui, joined them in 2017;
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20 WHEREAS, R-Zu Water Project invests funding in partners who
21 are able to drill fresh water wells in rural areas across the globe;
22 to date, the organization has successfully installed approximately
23 30 water wells and provided additional water purification systems
24 to communities in Pakistan, Tanzania, Zambia, Mexico, and India;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Through this outstanding endeavor, Raisa Gire,
3 Zunaira Farooq, and Samar Siddiqui have proven themselves to be
4 compassionate and resourceful global citizens, and they have
5 demonstrated the unlimited potential of young leaders to change the
6 world for the better; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
8 Legislature hereby commend Raisa Gire, Zunaira Farooq, and Samar
9 Siddiqui for their work as founders of R-Zu Water Project and extend
10 to them sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for R-Zu Water Project as an expression of high regard by
13 the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 888

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 888 was adopted by the House on May 8, 2021, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House