By: Bucy

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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The members of Hill Country Community Ministries 2 have demonstrated remarkable initiative, skill, and compassion 3 during the COVID-19 pandemic through their partnership with the 4 House District 136 Neighbor to Neighbor Food and Wellness Program; 5 and

6 WHEREAS, Since its founding in 1983, HCCM has offered food, 7 clothing, and other assistance to people in southwest Williamson 8 County and northwest Travis County; its initiatives include a food 9 pantry, a thrift store, and the Fresh Food For All program, which 10 delivers produce to select areas of the community; and

11 WHEREAS, In response to the COVID-19 crisis, Hill Country 12 Community Ministries, the office of State Representative John Bucy 13 III, and a bipartisan group of local leaders established the 14 Neighbor to Neighbor Food and Wellness Program, which checks in on 15 area senior citizens and people with disabilities and provides them 16 with food deliveries; and

WHEREAS, Under the leadership of executive director Tiesa 17 Holloway and director of operations Kandy Chimento, the staff and 18 volunteers of HCCM additionally shifted their daily operations to 19 20 address the pandemic, increasing their efforts to make sure that not one person who needed help was turned away; over the course of 21 2020, the organization distributed more than 1 million pounds of 22 23 food, and in recognition of this remarkable achievement, the Leander Chamber of Commerce selected HCCM as its Nonprofit of the 24

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1 Year; and

2 WHEREAS, For nearly four decades, Hill Country Community 3 Ministries has made a meaningful difference in the lives of 4 countless Texans, and its tireless efforts throughout the COVID-19 5 pandemic have helped to ensure the safety and well-being of some of 6 its most vulnerable clients during this difficult time; now, 7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas 9 Legislature hereby commend Hill Country Community Ministries for 10 its partnership with the Neighbor to Neighbor Food and Wellness 11 Program and extend to all those associated with the organization 12 sincere best wishes for continued success in their important work; 13 and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 15 prepared for Hill Country Community Ministries as an expression of 16 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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