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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Endeavors, a faith-based nonprofit headquartered in  
2 San Antonio, has made a meaningful difference in the lives of  
3 countless people in need; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded as San Antonio Urban Ministries by  
5 inner-city churches in 1969, Endeavors has grown dramatically  
6 through the years and adopted its present name in 2018; the agency  
7 delivers an array of services to children, families, veterans,  
8 survivors of natural disasters, and people struggling with mental  
9 illness or other significant disabilities; it additionally  
10 partners and coordinates with government agencies and local and  
11 national organizations to increase its ability to meet the needs of  
12 vulnerable residents; and

13 WHEREAS, Endeavors has served nearly 30,000 clients in Texas,  
14 Florida, North Carolina, and Puerto Rico; its programs address such  
15 issues as homelessness, unemployment, and child abuse, and it  
16 offers families counseling, crisis intervention, and life skills  
17 and vocational training, among other initiatives; key programs  
18 include Safe Services, which furnishes crime victims with free  
19 professional counseling and case management, Operation Parent  
20 Strong, which holds group and individual parenting classes for  
21 military families, and the Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic,  
22 which provides integrated mental health care to veterans and their  
23 families; moreover, Veteran Supportive Services offers  
24 homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing, and in 2021, the

1 agency opened the Veteran Wellness Center in San Antonio, a  
2 first-of-its-kind, comprehensive care clinic that addresses all  
3 aspects of health; and

4 WHEREAS, During the COVID-19 pandemic, Endeavors was able to  
5 adapt to the unprecedented situation by continuing 98 percent of  
6 its operations remotely; the agency partnered with other support  
7 organizations to establish two emergency centers in El Paso to  
8 serve as points of entry for a network of area shelters; in  
9 addition, Endeavors secured a more than 50 percent increase in  
10 funding for COVID-impacted veterans and provided housing  
11 assistance to 200 clients in Houston who became homeless as a result  
12 of the pandemic; and

13 WHEREAS, For more than a half century, Endeavors has  
14 empowered countless people to improve their lives and build a  
15 brighter future for their families, and in so doing, it has helped  
16 to strengthen the entire community; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
18 Legislature hereby commend Endeavors on its exceptional service to  
19 vulnerable people in crisis and extend to all those associated with  
20 this noteworthy organization sincere best wishes for continued  
21 success; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for Endeavors as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
24 House of Representatives.