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H.R. No. 1431

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The nonprofit organization Miles of Freedom
2 provides invaluable services to individuals and families in the
3 Dallas area who have been impacted by incarceration; and

4 WHEREAS, Miles of Freedom was founded by Richard Miles, who
5 spent 15 years in Texas prisons on a wrongful conviction for murder;
6 he was free on bond for two and a half years before he was finally
7 exonerated by the Texas Criminal Court of Appeals in 2012, and
8 during that time, he experienced firsthand the difficulties that a
9 person who has been incarcerated may face in finding a job and a
10 place to live; and

11 WHEREAS, Miles of Freedom works to offer support and dignity
12 to such individuals in South Dallas through a series of
13 initiatives; the group's three-month Job Readiness Workshop equips
14 participants with training in financial literacy, resume building,
15 interview training, and other life skills, and its graduates are
16 provided with job placement assistance; the Men/Women of Future
17 program mentors young people affected by incarceration, either as
18 inmates or as family members of inmates; and

19 WHEREAS, This noteworthy organization also offers a shuttle
20 service twice a month to prisons in the Tennessee Colony area for
21 the families of those who are incarcerated, and it provides job
22 opportunities through its lawn care business; and

23 WHEREAS, Through its unique and compassionate approach to
24 breaking the cycle of incarceration, Miles of Freedom has made a

1 positive and lasting difference in many lives, and the staff and
2 leadership of the organization may take pride in all that they have
3 accomplished; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
5 Legislature hereby commend Miles of Freedom on its efforts in
6 behalf of individuals impacted by incarceration and extend to all
7 those associated with the group sincere best wishes for continued
8 success in their important work; and, be it further

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