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H.R. No. 1778

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The nonprofit organization Southside Community
2 Garden is helping to promote healthier living in the Fort Worth
3 76104 area by teaching residents how to grow their own food at home;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Brought together by their commitment to social
6 justice, the organization's founders Trice Jones and Alison Pope
7 met while speaking out at Fort Worth City Hall meetings and
8 attending the 2020 Black Lives Matter protests; Ms. Jones had the
9 idea to start a gardening group after learning that the zip code
10 76104 is associated with the lowest average life expectancy in the
11 state of Texas, at slightly less than 67 years; instead of
12 establishing a traditional community garden, the founders settled
13 on the idea of helping residents to begin gardening in their own
14 backyards, where they could have ready access to fresh produce in
15 neighborhoods that often lack healthy grocery options; and

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones and Ms. Pope brought in gardener Amy Meade
17 to contribute her expertise to the project, and together, the three
18 women developed a plan to provide gardening materials at no cost to
19 participants; as the primary caretakers of their gardens, the home
20 gardeners who are involved in the group are able to keep all of the
21 food they grow, and they can also receive advice and assistance from
22 experienced volunteers; and

23 WHEREAS, Through its efforts to fight food insecurity and
24 health inequity, Southside Community Garden is helping to build a

1 better quality of life in the neighborhoods it serves, and all those
2 associated with the group are to be commended for their dedication
3 to this worthwhile endeavor; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
5 Legislature hereby recognize Southside Community Garden for its
6 important work in the Fort Worth 76104 area and extend to its
7 founders Trice Jones and Alison Pope sincere best wishes for
8 continued success; and, be it further

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