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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Community Action Agencies of Texas have long provided essential services to address and alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty for the state's most vulnerable residents; and

WHEREAS, Established when the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 was signed into law, Community Action Agencies have a nearly six-decade history of promoting self-sufficiency for citizens of limited income in all Texas counties; each agency assures wide community involvement through governance by a tripartite board representative of major sectors, among them government, business, labor, religion, law enforcement, education, and low-income residents; and

WHEREAS, Community Action Agencies work to strengthen communities in times of natural and human disasters, extraordinary economic challenges, and exceptional health crises; they follow immediate response with long-term services to promote recovery; while creating access to safe and affordable housing, they also reduce expenses through energy efficiency and utility payment programs; they provide nutrition assistance as well as primary and preventive health care; in addition, their initiatives promote academic success and the development of workforce skills; and

WHEREAS, By offering impactful solutions to help families achieve financial stability, Community Action Agencies are changing lives and making the Lone Star State a more prosperous, vibrant, and dynamic place for all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature hereby commend the Community Action Agencies of Texas for their contributions and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued success in their important work; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for the Texas Association of Community Action Agencies as an expression of high regard by the Texas Senate.