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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize YES to YOUTH Montgomery County Youth Services for empowering young citizens, strengthening families, and saving lives in Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, YES to YOUTH began more than 45 years ago as a small, volunteer-led agency committed to mentoring troubled youth; since its humble beginnings, the organization has developed into a network of broad-ranging support services for children and families in Montgomery County who are facing mental health struggles, abuse, neglect, homelessness, or human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, YES to YOUTH's BridgeWay Youth Shelter in Conroe provides a safe home, beds, and services for vulnerable children ranging from age 10 to 17 who are under the conservatorship of Texas Child Protective Services; BridgeWay is the only licensed youth shelter in the area that serves a broad range of youth clients rather than limiting its services to provide for a specific client population; the shelter has given hope to many over the years, and in 2024, it served as a refuge for more than 80 children in need; and

WHEREAS, YES to YOUTH's Youth and Family Services program is staffed by a team of devoted licensed counselors who provide families in crisis with immediate support and trauma-informed

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counseling; the trusted care professionals also staff a 24-hour crisis hotline and help to inform meaningful mental health awareness and suicide prevention programs in local schools; and

WHEREAS, A trusted resource and a safe haven to many, YES to YOUTH is helping to restore futures and bring hope to young citizens and families, and all who have helped the organization to grow and succeed in its mission are truly deserving of special recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend all associated with YES to YOUTH Montgomery County Youth Services for their exemplary efforts and their many outstanding contributions to the youth and families of Montgomery County; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the organization as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.