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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Representatives of the Taft Housing Authority are
2 visiting the State Capitol on February 24, 2025; and

3 WHEREAS, Established in 1962, the Taft Housing Authority
4 provides residents of Taft with low-rent public housing; its
5 capital improvement projects were initially funded by the federal
6 government, but in 2019, the authority defederalized and joined the
7 Rental Assistance Demonstration program, which has allowed it to
8 use tax credits to fund extensive renovations of its properties;
9 the agency is one of just 13 housing authorities in Texas to
10 participate in the RAD conversion process; and

11 WHEREAS, The Taft Housing Authority partnered with Santos
12 McBain Management and Planning to renovate its 72-unit property
13 development; that project was completed in 2023, and the
14 development was renamed Cottonview Terrace in recognition of the
15 area's long history of agriculture and cotton production; the
16 project included converting two residential units into a facility
17 for a Head Start youth program operated by the Community Action
18 Corporation of South Texas; and

19 WHEREAS, Today, the Taft Housing Authority continues to
20 benefit from the able leadership of its executive director, Donnie
21 Riojas, who has served with the agency for more than three and a
22 half decades; and

23 WHEREAS, Stable housing is essential to the security and
24 well-being of every individual, and by helping local residents

1 attain this goal, the Taft Housing Authority is empowering families
2 and strengthening the community; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
4 Legislature hereby recognize February 24, 2025, as Taft Housing
5 Authority Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the
6 visiting delegation; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for the agency as an expression of high regard by the Texas
9 House of Representatives.