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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For over a century, the United Way of the Concho
2 Valley has provided outstanding service to area citizens; and

3 WHEREAS, The organization traces its origins to 1911, when
4 the San Angelo Circle of the International Order of King's
5 Daughters and Sons was established to assist area families in need;
6 in 1925, the group joined with other local organizations to better
7 serve the community, leading to the formation of a community chest;
8 during World War II, what was then known as United Charities became
9 the United War Chest; and

10 WHEREAS, Following the war, the Tom Green County Community
11 Council was created to address unmet social needs; the organization
12 eventually rebranded as the United Way of Tom Green County in 1974;
13 wanting to make a greater impact, the group expanded its support to
14 more communities in 1991 and took the name the United Way of the
15 Concho Valley; and

16 WHEREAS, Today, UWCV works to address such vital issues as
17 education, financial stability, and health across the Concho
18 Valley's 14 counties; its primary goals include helping children
19 meet essential academic benchmarks, eliminating child abuse and
20 domestic violence, providing access to mental health and substance
21 abuse services, preventing homelessness, and expanding outreach
22 efforts; and

23 WHEREAS, UWCV benefits from a number of strategic
24 partnerships, having most recently incorporated Dolly Parton's

1 Imagination Library into its United We Read program; the initiative
2 involves having hundreds of area youth join together on a
3 designated day to read a book, emphasizing the importance of early
4 literacy; and

5 WHEREAS, The United Way of the Concho Valley has
6 distinguished itself as a force for good in the communities it
7 serves, and the organization is indeed deserving of recognition for
8 its dedicated efforts; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
10 Legislature hereby honor the United Way of the Concho Valley for its
11 contributions and extend to all those affiliated with the
12 organization sincere best wishes for continued success with their
13 important work; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the
16 Texas House of Representatives.