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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Upbring, a nonprofit organization dedicated to
2 supporting youth and families in Texas through foster care and
3 adoption, is celebrating Upbring Advocacy Day on March 26, 2025;
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5 WHEREAS, Founded by a group of service-minded Lutherans in
6 the mid-19th century, Upbring formerly held such monikers as
7 Bethlehem Children's Center, the Good Samaritan Society, and the
8 Lutheran Aid and Orphan's Society before it adopted its present-day
9 name; as a direct-action organization, Upbring is committed to
10 advancing children's well-being and securing a future free from the
11 damages of abuse; over the past decade, it has profoundly impacted
12 the lives of more than 100,000 youth, serving upwards of 14,000
13 young Texans each year from over 80 locations across the state; and

14 WHEREAS, Through its foster care program, Upbring connects
15 youth with families who can provide them with safety, support, and
16 compassion until they can be reunited with their biological
17 families; when children cannot return to their birth parents,
18 Upbring's foster-to-adopt team helps to place them in permanent,
19 loving homes; the organization also operates residential programs
20 through which preteen and teen trauma survivors can take meaningful
21 steps toward recovery with the guidance of caring professionals in
22 a homelike environment; in cases of abuse, neglect, and
23 exploitation, the child advocates at Upbring perform work that is
24 akin to that of first responders, and they make immeasurable

1 contributions to their communities through their heroic efforts in
2 behalf of the most vulnerable; and

3 WHEREAS, Upbring has been a source of hope and healing to
4 countless youth over the course of its long history, and the State
5 of Texas has benefited tremendously from the compassion and
6 altruism of all those associated with this venerable organization;
7 now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
9 Legislature hereby recognize March 26, 2025, as Upbring Advocacy
10 Day and extend to all those affiliated with the organization
11 sincere best wishes for continued success in their important work;
12 and, be it further

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