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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jeannette Valdez Duran has rendered invaluable
2 service to the citizens of Austin through her work at the helm of
3 Mobile Blessings from the Heart; and

4 WHEREAS, This esteemed organization traces its origins to the
5 period between 2006 and 2009, when Ms. Duran was living on the
6 streets of North Austin; she struggled to find enough food to eat,
7 and one night, she summoned up the courage to ask the manager of a
8 convenience store for the day's leftovers; his kindness inspired
9 her to change the trajectory of her life, and what began with the
10 simple act of giving out donations with a "free food" sign in her
11 parents' front yard ultimately led to the creation of Mobile
12 Blessings from the Heart; and

13 WHEREAS, Today, under the direction of Ms. Duran, Mobile
14 Blessings from the Heart is a faith-based mobile pantry that
15 distributes food to those in need; through its partnerships with
16 the Central Texas Food Bank, Black Women in Business, and local
17 grocery stores, the East Austin nonprofit and its volunteers serve
18 approximately 500 families every weekend, with some people arriving
19 by bus from surrounding cities; moreover, the organization serves
20 senior citizens and students, and it hosts mobile pop-up pantries
21 in low-income neighborhoods and unhoused communities across
22 Austin; tables of food arranged for the public feature such items as
23 meat, bread, produce, and flower bouquets; and

24 WHEREAS, Jeannette Duran is making a meaningful difference in

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1 the fight against hunger in Austin communities and beyond, and it is
2 indeed a pleasure to join in honoring her for her contributions;
3 now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
5 Legislature hereby commend Jeannette Valdez Duran for her exemplary
6 efforts with Mobile Blessings from the Heart and extend to her
7 sincere best wishes for continued success with her important work;
8 and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for Ms. Duran as an expression of high regard by the Texas
11 House of Representatives.