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To congratulate and commend the United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast  
on the occasion of its 75th anniversary.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 8, 1997

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (for herself, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. FROST, Mr. GREEN, Mr. ARCHER, Mr. REYES, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. BENTSEN, and Mr. LAMPSON) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To congratulate and commend the United Way of the Texas  
Gulf Coast on the occasion of its 75th anniversary.

Whereas the United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast was officially chartered as Houston Community Chest on August 30, 1922, and is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year;

Whereas on May 3, 1941, the name changed to the Houston Community Chest and Council and later during World War II the Harris County War Chest of the Houston Community Chest on March 24, 1944;

Whereas on July 5, 1951, the United Fund of Houston and Harris County was officially incorporated with the State

of Texas becoming United Fund and Community Council of Houston and Harris County on May 26, 1952;

Whereas on June 25, 1974, the organization's name changed to United Fund of Houston and Harris County, and finally, on June 1, 1979, it retained the current name of United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast;

Whereas the United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast serves Harris, Fort Bend, Waller, and Montgomery Counties and the Bay Area by funding more than 200 health and human service programs through 78 nonprofit agencies;

Whereas the mission of the United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast is to "increase the organized capacity of people to help themselves and others";

Whereas the United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast in its core and in its practice honors openness and fairness, upholds quality and accountability, embraces diversity and inclusiveness and was recognized by United Way of America in 1996 as the first recipient of the Championing Diversity Award;

Whereas the United Way takes responsibility for positive achievement of its goals through vision, wisdom, and integrity by furthering the values of caring, collaborative, dynamic, effective, efficient, inclusive, and trustworthy;

Whereas the United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast keeps its operating costs low and its stewardship high in order to direct more dollars to quality programs that give people help when help is needed;

Whereas over 80,000 volunteers enable the United Way to stretch donor dollars to make a difference in the community;

Whereas the United Way strengthens nonprofit agencies, and thus the community, through ongoing programs, including Gifts in Kind, the Management Assistance Program, Project Blueprint, and the Information and Referral Helpline, which celebrates its 50-year anniversary this year;

Whereas the United Way serves as a neutral convenor in the community, bringing the clergy together around the cause of homelessness, or governmental entities, service providers and youth to develop the empowerment zone plan, or governmental, business, service provider, education, faith community, and others in a Welfare Reform Partners Group to help design a local implementation plan; and

Whereas the United Way Community Campaign on a yearly basis raises millions of dollars with the assistance of 400 campaign leaders, 90 loan executives and the support of over 50,000 individuals and organizations throughout the Houston area: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
 2       *concurring)*, That the House of Representatives is pleased  
 3       to congratulate and commend the United Way of the  
 4       Texas Gulf Coast.

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