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House Resolution 457

By: Representatives Lopez Romero of the 99th, Clark of the 108th, McLeod of the 105th, Hutchinson of the 107th, and Moore of the 95th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Terence and Cecilia Lester, founders of Love Beyond Walls,
- 2 for their dedication to providing resources and building awareness of homelessness and
- 3 poverty within the State of Georgia and abroad; and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, Love Beyond Walls established the Mobile Makeovers Program, providing
- 5 grooming services to underserved communities, including homeless men, women, and
- 6 children in the City of Atlanta and surrounding communities; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Love Beyond Walls established the Mobile Stay Program, providing temporary
- 8 shelter to people experiencing homelessness in the City of Atlanta and surrounding
- 9 communities; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Love Beyond Walls established the Love Feeds Program, a partnership with
- Warehouse for Hope providing groceries to between 300 and 500 families per month that
- 12 experience food insecurity; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Love Beyond Walls established the Closet of Hope Program, providing
- 14 adequate clothing for local communities and uniforms for Title 1 Schools with student
- 15 populations that lack adequate clothing; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Love Beyond Walls established the Free Laundry Room, providing free laundry
- 17 services for homeless individuals and under-resourced families; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Love Beyond Walls established the Free Water Bin Program, providing free
- 19 clean drinking water to homeless individuals and under-resourced families that have no
- 20 running water; and

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21 WHEREAS, Love Beyond Walls established the Leader Source Program that develops

- 22 aspiring community trailblazers who discover innovative ways to solve societal problems and
- 23 grow as leaders; and
- 24 WHEREAS, Love Beyond Walls established the Love Beyond Borders Program that partners
- 25 with organizations from international communities to solve social problems, such as the Love
- 26 Beyond Borders affiliation in serving orphans in India; and
- 27 WHEREAS, Love Beyond Walls established Awareness Campaigns such as March Against
- 28 Poverty 2016 and Voiceless to build awareness on systemic poverty within the United States;
- 29 and
- 30 WHEREAS, Love Beyond Walls established The Digital Museum launching March 23,
- 31 2019, as a traveling museum to share stories of men, women, and children born into poverty
- 32 who experience homelessness and who have been forgotten.
- 33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 34 the members of this body recognize and commend Love Beyond Walls for its steadfast
- 35 dedication to providing resources and building awareness of homelessness and poverty
- 36 within the State of Georgia, throughout the United States, and around the world.
- 37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 38 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Love
- 39 Beyond Walls.