A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Family Promise, Inc.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Family Promise, Inc., was established on October 27, 1986, as the first
- 3 Interfaith Hospitality Network in Summit, New Jersey, by Karen Olson; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the success of several Family Promise networks led to the establishment of the
- 5 national Family Promise network, which was formed in 1988; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Family Promise is a family service organization committed to helping families
- 7 experiencing homelessness and uplifting them to realize their full potential; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the national Family Promise network has over 160 affiliates in 39 states across
- 9 this nation, with over 120,000 volunteers from 5,000 religious congregations working
- 10 diligently to break the cycle of homelessness for children and their families; and
- 11 WHEREAS, 77 percent of the families that entered the Family Promise network's program
- 12 found sustainable housing; and
- WHEREAS, Family Promise provides safe shelter so families can stay together and pick upthe pieces of their lives; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Family Promise provides intensive case management by assisting participants16 in finding housing and jobs; and
- WHEREAS, this amazing organization provides volunteers with the opportunity to impact
 homelessness directly and provides congregations with a chance to perform outreach and
 strengthen fellowship; and

- 20 WHEREAS, Family Promise networks work with existing service providers in communities
- 21 to ensure effective and efficient delivery of needed services and to control the duplication of
- 22 services; and
- WHEREAS, Family Promise has become a catalyst for other community initiatives, and the
 work of this fine organization and its affiliates is worthy of recognition.
- 25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the member of this body
- 26 recognize Family Promise, Inc., for its amazing work reducing homelessness in the United
- 27 States and providing communities with a means of reaching out to their neighbors during
- times of need.
- 29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 30 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Family Promise, Inc.