

House Resolution 193

By: Representatives Santos of the 117th, Holly of the 116th, Lewis-Ward of the 115th, Crowe of the 118th, Flournoy of the 74th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Haven House; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Flint Circuit Council on Family Violence Inc. was organized as a 501(c)(3)
3 nonprofit in May 1989 with the primary goal of advocating for women through the judicial
4 system at a time when domestic violence was only beginning to be recognized as a societal
5 issue; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1999, the agency secured a house formerly known as the Hampton Boys
7 Home, and following renovations, Haven House was opened later that year as a shelter for
8 survivors and their children to stay after leaving a violent situation; and

9 WHEREAS, as the organization expanded its mission, Haven House began offering
10 additional services to survivors, including financial assistance, support groups,
11 transportation, and a food pantry, alongside its core legal advocacy and case management
12 programs; and

13 WHEREAS, due to the increasing need for shelter and support services, Haven House, with
14 the support of the Henry County Commissioners and dedicated board members, opened a
15 new facility in June 2011 capable of housing 48 adults and children; and

16 WHEREAS, Haven House continues to evolve to meet the needs of domestic violence
17 survivors, offering a safe and supportive environment for all family types with a family wing,
18 adult wing, large community rooms, and office spaces to enhance services; and

19 WHEREAS, in 2024, Haven House provided shelter to 695 survivors, processed 292
20 temporary protective orders, responded to 3,444 crisis calls, and delivered counseling
21 services to 432 individuals; and

22 WHEREAS, February 5, 2025, marks Stand With Survivors Day at the state capitol, a day
23 dedicated to raising awareness and advocating for the rights and safety of domestic violence
24 survivors; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable organization be
26 appropriately honored during this special time.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body recognize and commend Haven House for its many outstanding
29 contributions on behalf of those in need as well as extend sincere best wishes for continued
30 success.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
33 Haven House.