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COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS HONORS DECEASED HOUSTON HOMELESS ON DECEMBER 21 AT CITY HALL

Houston, Texas (December 10, 2012) On the longest night of the year, Friday, December 21 at 6:00 p.m., hundreds of Houstonians will gather on the steps of City Hall, located at 901 Bagby, 77002, to honor the lives of those homeless who died in 2012. [The Coalition for the Homeless of Houston and Harris County](#) remembers those members of our community, some of whom have lived on the streets, by reading aloud each person's name at a candlelight vigil. The ceremony will open with the presentation of colors by formerly homeless veterans. An open prayer will be shared with the audience. Then representatives from the Coalition will read the names of the deceased homeless individuals for the audience to acknowledge and reflect upon the loss of these people. Members of the community are encouraged and welcome to join in this vigil of remembrance. The mission of the Coalition is to prevent and end homelessness in Houston, Harris County and Fort Bend County by providing resources to area service providers who provide direct services to the area's homeless.

Before the vigil at 5:30 p.m., volunteers from the Coalition and local homeless service providers will serve a hot meal to those living on our streets. They will also distribute hygiene kits, coats, blankets collected by the employees of Insperty, gloves and hats to anyone experiencing homelessness. The vigil is held in conjunction [with National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day](#), an annual

event commemorated in more than 150 cities and counties across the United States on the first day of winter.

The Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County was established in 1982, incorporated as a 501(c)(3) in 1988, and has evolved to be the lead agency coordinating the community response to homelessness in Houston.