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DECEASED HOUSTON HOMELESS REMEMBERED ON DECEMBER 21, THE LONGEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

Houston, Texas (December 21, 2017) – On Thursday, December 21, the [Coalition for the Homeless](#), along with partners of [The Way Home](#), will honor the lives of those unsheltered homeless individuals who passed away this year. December 21 is the longest night of the year and, therefore, can be the most difficult for someone without housing. The Coalition has created a [commemorative video](#) that shares the names of the deceased homeless individuals so homeless service agencies and members of the community may join in this vigil of remembrance.

“We have made tremendous progress: [overall homelessness is down in our community by 60%](#), more than 11,000 homeless individuals and families have been housed through The Way Home since 2012, and we met Mayor Turner’s challenge to house 500 chronically homeless individuals in six months,” said Marilyn Brown, President and CEO of the Coalition for the Homeless. “We still have work to do, though. While this year’s In Memoriam list is the shortest it has been since we began this memorial, our job will not be finished until the list is zero and there is enough affordable housing for those finding themselves in a housing crisis.”

With the colder winter weather, the Coalition also encourages people to participate in system-organized activities, including: contributing to The Way Home’s Welcome Home Fund to provide newly housed individuals with much needed household items ([find out more here](#)); and volunteering and getting involved with partner organizations of The Way Home ([find a list of partners here](#)).

The Coalition’s In Memoriam 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.

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For more information on the Coalition, including a snapshot of efforts from 2012 to present, please access our digital [Press Kit](#). For additional information on The Way Home, please visit the system’s digital [Press Kit](#).

The Coalition for the Homeless is a non-profit, 501(c)3 whose mission is to provide leadership in the development, advocacy and coordination of community strategies to prevent and end homelessness. Learn more at www.homelesshouston.org.