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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Devarjaye "DJ" Daniel is visiting the Texas State  
2 Capitol on April 7, 2025, and this occasion provides a welcome  
3 opportunity to recognize the passion and determination of this  
4 exceptional young Texan and honorary law enforcement officer; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of the Houston area, 13-year-old DJ first  
6 became interested in police work after officers assisted his family  
7 during Hurricane Harvey in 2017; he was diagnosed with a rare form  
8 of brain cancer the following year, and though he was told that he  
9 might only have months to live, he refused to give up hope; drawing  
10 strength from his religious faith, he has endured clinical trials  
11 and more than a dozen rounds of brain surgery in the years since he  
12 was diagnosed, and he has far exceeded his doctor's initial  
13 prognosis; and

14 WHEREAS, In the course of his treatment, DJ began visiting  
15 law enforcement agencies, inspired by his fellow childhood cancer  
16 patient, Abigail Arias, who was appointed as an honorary officer by  
17 the Freeport Police Department before her death in 2019; in memory  
18 of Abigail, DJ set a goal of being sworn in as an honorary officer  
19 with 758 agencies, a tribute to Abigail's badge number; he has far  
20 exceeded that total and has been honored by more than 900  
21 departments around the country to date; and

22 WHEREAS, On March 4, 2025, DJ attained an even more  
23 impressive designation when he became an honorary United States  
24 Secret Service agent; President Donald J. Trump announced his

1 appointment during the president's joint address to Congress, with  
2 DJ and his father, Theodis, in attendance; DJ plans to continue his  
3 mission and hopes to set a Guinness World Record by being sworn in  
4 by 1,000 agencies; and

5 WHEREAS, Through his efforts to raise awareness of childhood  
6 cancer and to support law enforcement officers across the nation,  
7 DJ Daniel has set an inspiring example of resilience, courage, and  
8 selflessness, and the members of the Texas Senate are honored to  
9 welcome him to Austin; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature  
11 hereby recognize April 7, 2025, as DJ Daniel Day at the State  
12 Capitol and extend to Devarjaye "DJ" Daniel heartfelt best wishes  
13 for the future; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for DJ Daniel as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
16 Senate.