

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), more commonly  
2 referred to as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a fatal, neurodegenerative  
3 disease that attacks nerve cells and pathways in the brain and  
4 spinal cord; and

5           WHEREAS, Every day, an average of 15 people are newly  
6 diagnosed with ALS, totaling more than 5,600 annually, and it is  
7 estimated that as many as 30,000 Americans may currently be  
8 affected by ALS; and

9           WHEREAS, The average life expectancy of a person with ALS is  
10 two to five years from the time of diagnosis, but with recent  
11 advances in research and improved medical care, many patients are  
12 living longer, more productive lives; and

13           WHEREAS, The ALS Association is the only national  
14 not-for-profit health agency dedicated solely to the fight against  
15 ALS; in Texas there are three chapters of ALSA that serve the ALS  
16 community exclusively by raising funds for research, supporting  
17 families, and providing medical equipment to patients; and

18           WHEREAS, ALS occurs throughout the world with no racial,  
19 ethnic, or socioeconomic boundaries; ALS can strike anyone, and  
20 every American is threatened by this disease; now, therefore, be it

21           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
22 Legislature hereby commend the Texas chapters of the ALS  
23 Association for their significant efforts to find a cure for and  
24 improve the quality of life for those living with ALS and that all

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1 Texans be encouraged to learn more about and join in the fight to  
2 combat this devastating disease; and, be it further

3       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
4 prepared for the Texas chapters of ALSA as an expression of high  
5 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1050 was adopted by the House on May 28, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House