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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.