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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Blood-related cancers currently afflict more than
2 710,000 Americans, and an estimated 110,000 new cases are diagnosed
3 each year; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2005 alone, some 55,000 men, women, and children
5 in the United States will die from leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma;
6 among children, the most common form of leukemia is acute
7 lymphocytic leukemia, and thanks to the efforts of countless
8 individuals, the survival rate for this strain of the disease has
9 risen from four percent in 1960 to approximately 80 percent today;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society is dedicated to
12 finding cures for these diseases and to supporting those
13 individuals who suffer from blood-related cancers; since 1954, the
14 Leukemia and Lymphoma Society has awarded more than \$360 million in
15 research grants; and

16 WHEREAS, Through its Texas offices, the society provides
17 support to patients and their families across the state, developing
18 over 400 family support groups at some 63 society chapters
19 nationwide; these support groups conduct life-enhancing patient
20 services, including peer counseling and patient financial aid; the
21 society also hosts numerous conferences, teleconferences, and
22 webcasts through which leading medical professionals share the
23 latest research findings; and

24 WHEREAS, The State of Texas is likewise committed to

1 supporting the search for cures, and the Texas House of
2 Representatives and Senate encourage private efforts to enhance
3 research funding and education programs aimed at combating and
4 treating leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
6 hereby designate July 1, 2005, as Leukemia and Lymphoma Awareness
7 Day in Texas and pay tribute to those Texans engaged in the fight
8 against these diseases; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature also congratulate the
10 Leukemia and Lymphoma Society on the establishment of its Central
11 Texas chapter.