

By: Bonnen

H.R. No. 251

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the State of Texas
2 is pleased to recognize The University of Texas M. D. Anderson
3 Cancer Center in Houston, one of the world's most respected centers
4 devoted exclusively to cancer patient care, research, education,
5 and prevention; and

6 WHEREAS, The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center
7 is well known the world over for its multidisciplinary approach to
8 treating cancer; since 1944, more than 600,000 cancer patients have
9 received treatment at the facility; and

10 WHEREAS, The center's cancer research program is one of the
11 most productive efforts in the world and ranks first in the number
12 of grants awarded by the National Cancer Institute; each year, the
13 center's educational programs provide training to several hundred
14 residents and fellows who receive specialized training in the
15 investigation and treatment of cancer; and

16 WHEREAS, One of the center's most innovative programs is the
17 annual rehabilitation trip in January to the National Ability
18 Center in Park City, Utah; funded by the Children's Art Project, the
19 trip provides pediatric cancer patients time away from cancer
20 treatments and time to enjoy breathtaking scenery and outdoor
21 activities; and

22 WHEREAS, The rehabilitation program offers the patients
23 snow-skiing lessons, giving them an opportunity to acquire a new
24 skill and gain a sense of accomplishment; the patients gain

1 confidence as their skiing skills progress and often participate in
2 other activities, such as swimming in a heated pool, driving
3 snowmobiles, and dancing, with newfound assurance; and

4 WHEREAS, The ski trip was conceived by Dr. Norman Jaffe, a
5 pediatric oncologist and a professor at The University of Texas,
6 after hearing a young cancer patient, Ted Kennedy, Jr., describe
7 his adventures on the ski slopes; Dr. Jaffe realized that skiing
8 could be a novel form of physical rehabilitation and, with a crew of
9 volunteers and specially trained ski instructors, began taking
10 pediatric cancer patients to the mountains each year; and

11 WHEREAS, Besides the benefits of physical rehabilitation,
12 the ski trip offers psychosocial rehabilitation; the cancer
13 patients and survivors gain confidence and give each other hope and
14 support as they master new skills and make new friends; the trip
15 facilitates both physical and social healing and gives parents
16 reassurance regarding their children's abilities; and

17 WHEREAS, With more than 12,000 employees and a volunteer
18 workforce of approximately 1,400, the M. D. Anderson Cancer Center
19 is a vital force in the City of Houston and our state, and its
20 services have had a positive impact on the lives of people around
21 the world; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of
23 Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to The University of
24 Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center for its excellent treatment
25 programs and commend all the people involved with the annual
26 rehabilitation ski trip for young cancer patients; and, be it
27 further

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1 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared as an
2 expression of high regard from the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

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Chief Clerk of the House