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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Diego Martinez of El Paso has bravely battled cancer
2 with a grace and resolve that belie his youthful age; and

3 WHEREAS, In the summer of 2004, this beloved eight-year-old
4 was diagnosed with T-cell lymphoma, which is now in remission
5 thanks to the care of professionals at Providence Hospital and the
6 unwavering spirit of their courageous patient; and

7 WHEREAS, This special boy recently enjoyed the generosity of
8 the Reach for a Star Foundation, which awarded him a \$1,000 shopping
9 spree at an area retail store, where he quickly grabbed a
10 long-coveted item, a *Star Wars* video game; his enchantment with his
11 newfound treasure was so engrossing that his mother had to remind
12 him to continue shopping; and

13 WHEREAS, With the love and support of his parents, Brett
14 Goodwin and Eva Martinez, Diego Martinez continues to struggle with
15 an unjust enemy, refusing to let the disease dampen his love for
16 life; he is an inspiration to all those who are fortunate enough to
17 know him, and it is a pleasure to pay tribute to this gentle soul;
18 now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
20 Legislature hereby honor Diego Martinez for his strength and
21 determination and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
22 recovery; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for Mr. Martinez as an expression of high regard by the

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1 Texas House of Representatives.