

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Cancer takes the lives of more children than any  
2 other disease today; and

3           WHEREAS, It is estimated that in North America alone, more  
4 than 12,000 children and teenagers will be diagnosed with cancer  
5 this year and that one in every 330 young Americans will develop  
6 cancer before the age of 20; and

7           WHEREAS, These harrowing statistics prompted Optimist  
8 International to establish a childhood cancer awareness campaign in  
9 2001 as the organization's primary focus for the following five  
10 years, and the South Central Texas District of Optimist  
11 International is actively participating in this vital program; and

12           WHEREAS, With its motto of "Friends of Youth," and a pledge to  
13 "provide the care, find the cure," Optimist International has vowed  
14 to financially support research leading to a cure for childhood  
15 cancer and has teamed up with Johns Hopkins University in this  
16 important effort; and

17           WHEREAS, Spreading awareness is key to reducing the burden of  
18 disease and improving the quality of life for those affected, and it  
19 is fitting that Texans join with Optimist International in its  
20 mission to educate the public about the disease, provide assistance  
21 for children and their families, and encourage the support of  
22 research to find a cure; now, therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby recognize April 2005 as Optimist International

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1 Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and commend the South Central  
2 Texas District of Optimist International and Optimist clubs around  
3 the globe for their laudable efforts to rid the world of childhood  
4 cancer.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 931 was adopted by the House on March 30, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House