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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.