

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Rodney Williams of Carthage has made invaluable  
2 contributions to the March of Dimes with his involvement in the  
3 organization's WalkAmerica event; and

4           WHEREAS, Founded in 1938 in response to the fight against  
5 polio, the March of Dimes funded the research that helped develop  
6 the vaccines that successfully eradicated this devastating disease  
7 in the Americas; today, this venerable organization has redirected  
8 its focus to improving the quality of life for the approximately  
9 470,000 premature babies born each year in this country, including  
10 the more than 46,500 born in Texas; WalkAmerica raises funds for  
11 lifesaving research to battle prematurity, the leading cause of  
12 infant death, and birth defects; and

13           WHEREAS, A survivor of the 1952 polio epidemic, Mr. Williams,  
14 the owner of Duke's Fish Shack, organized a team to raise money for  
15 this year's walk; in addition, he held a bake sale at his restaurant  
16 to benefit the March of Dimes, and his waitresses joined in to  
17 donate their first tips of the day to the worthy cause; and

18           WHEREAS, The success of the March of Dimes WalkAmerica event  
19 is greatly dependent upon the involvement of outstanding  
20 individuals like Rodney Williams, whose dedication to helping our  
21 state's most vulnerable citizens is nothing short of exemplary;  
22 now, therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby commend Rodney Williams for his service to the

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1 March of Dimes and the children of Texas and extend to him sincere  
2 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

3       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
4 prepared for Mr. Williams as an expression of high regard by the  
5 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1816 was adopted by the House on May 27, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House