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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Inspired by their daughter's love for others, Chaney  
2 and Jessica Phillips have established B.I.G. (Brooke's Incredible  
3 Gift) Love Cancer Care Services to carry on the compassionate love  
4 that Brooke Alyson Phillips had for all people; and

5           WHEREAS, Brooke was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia  
6 when she was three years old and, for two years, she fought  
7 courageously through intense chemotherapy and a bone marrow  
8 transplant at Texas Children's Hospital; her parents understand  
9 firsthand the heavy burdens families must endure while their  
10 children are fighting a life-threatening disease and hope to see  
11 B.I.G. Love Cancer Care Services provide assistance for these  
12 families; and

13           WHEREAS, With the passing of their five-year-old daughter on  
14 September 29, 2006, they chose to honor her memory by establishing  
15 this organization, named B.I.G. because Brooke taught them how  
16 wide, long, high, and deep love could be; and

17           WHEREAS, B.I.G. Love Cancer Care Services was approved as a  
18 nonprofit organization in March 2007 with a mission to not only meet  
19 some of the basic needs of cancer kids and their families, but also  
20 to provide opportunities for laughter, happiness, and comfort; and

21           WHEREAS, Already these brave parents have been actively  
22 working to make life better for cancer patients and their families  
23 at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston and Arkansas Children's  
24 Hospital in Little Rock; they delivered treats at Thanksgiving and

1 180 big-hearted baskets full of toys, games, and goodies on  
2 Valentine's Day, with help from family, friends, and concerned  
3 children and teachers at Angleton Middle School; and

4 WHEREAS, They are now focusing on meeting practical needs for  
5 these families, such as parking passes and meals, and on providing  
6 special gift baskets for holidays, including Mother's Day and  
7 Father's Day; their long-range goals include hosting retreats for  
8 parents after the loss of a child, publishing literature to  
9 encourage and help families throughout their journeys, and  
10 advancing childhood cancer awareness and research; they also plan  
11 to express appreciation and encouragement to the pediatric oncology  
12 nurses and doctors who work with these children and families  
13 throughout the years; and

14 WHEREAS, Brooke Alyson Phillips cared deeply about the cancer  
15 kids around her, praying for them and bringing them gifts when they  
16 were sad, and this organization truly embodies the spirit of this  
17 remarkable child; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
19 Legislature hereby commend Chaney and Jessica Phillips for their  
20 compassionate endeavor and extend to them sincere best wishes for  
21 the success of B.I.G. Love Cancer Care Services; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Phillips as an expression of high regard  
24 by the Texas House of Representatives.