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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The late Roxie M. Fine of Orange Grove was an
2 inspiration to numerous people, especially her Family, Career, and
3 Community Leaders of America students at Orange Grove High School,
4 and following her diagnosis with Stage IV unknown cancer in June
5 2008, FCCLA students organized a project called A "FINE" Cause for
6 Unknown Cancer to raise awareness of the disease; and

7 WHEREAS, Cancer of unknown primary (CUP) origin is diagnosed
8 when metastatic cancer is found but the primary site of the cancer
9 cannot be determined; about two to four percent of all cancer
10 patients have a cancer whose primary site is never found, making it
11 difficult for doctors to plan the best treatment; and

12 WHEREAS, In their efforts to educate others about CUP, FCCLA
13 students realized that the disease was not represented by a
14 specific ribbon color, as are other forms of cancer, and they took
15 up the challenge of creating and implementing a CUP ribbon; they
16 ultimately chose a zebra stripe ribbon to reflect both Ms. Fine's
17 dynamic personality and the uniqueness of this particular form of
18 cancer; and

19 WHEREAS, Although their beloved teacher passed away on
20 December 2, 2008, FCCLA students have continued their campaign to
21 educate others about CUP; they raised nearly \$28,000 at the Walk for
22 a "FINE" Cause, which they hosted on December 11, and subsequently
23 donated the funds to CUP research at M. D. Anderson Cancer Center in
24 Houston; and

1 WHEREAS, Orange Grove High School FCCLA students are
2 channeling their grief over Roxie Fine into making a positive
3 difference in the fight against unknown cancer, and they have set an
4 outstanding example of teamwork and generosity to which all may
5 aspire; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
7 hereby commend Orange Grove High School Family, Career, and
8 Community Leaders of America students for their efforts to raise
9 awareness of cancer of unknown primary (CUP) origin and for
10 choosing zebra stripes as the ribbon color to symbolize this rare
11 form of cancer; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Orange Grove High School as an expression of high
14 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.