

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Circle of Friends greatly contributes to the health
2 of young people through its dedicated support of Children's Medical
3 Center Foundation of Central Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded in 1996, Circle of Friends works to raise
5 awareness and funds for the foundation, which in turn helps sustain
6 the Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas; the group,
7 which was originally based in Round Rock, today consists of 10
8 additional chapters, including Lake Travis, Central Austin, Hill
9 Country, Georgetown, Loop 360, Northwest Austin, Pflugerville,
10 East Austin, Uptown, and Southwest Austin; chapters meet monthly
11 and host two to three fund-raising events annually; and

12 WHEREAS, The organization has been skillfully managed by Rita
13 Willoughby for five years, during which time it has successfully
14 raised nearly \$1.5 million to benefit Dell Children's; the medical
15 center serves a 46-county area and admits all children, regardless
16 of their family's ability to pay; and

17 WHEREAS, Committed to a strong future for young Central
18 Texans, Circle of Friends is working behind the scenes to ensure
19 that Dell Children's Medical Center remains a leader in the
20 delivery of pediatric care, and the group's impressive achievements
21 are indeed deserving of recognition; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
23 Legislature hereby honor Circle of Friends and its manager, Rita
24 Willoughby, for their outstanding support of the Children's Medical

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1 Center Foundation of Central Texas and extend to all those
2 associated with the organization sincere best wishes for continued
3 success; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2252 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House