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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Brianna Vogel of Cedar Park has made a positive
2 difference in the lives of many area children with the creation of
3 Brianna's Pennies of Love; and

4 WHEREAS, Currently a student at Cedar Park Middle School,
5 Miss Vogel has a younger brother, Devon, who is affected by common
6 variable immunodeficiency, forcing him to remain isolated from
7 potential contagions; noticing that her brother lacked activities
8 with which to pass the time, she began collecting loose change from
9 her family, putting it toward the purchase of art supplies for her
10 brother and other patients at Dell Children's Medical Center of
11 Central Texas in Austin; two years later, when she was seven years
12 old, Brianna's Pennies of Love became an official nonprofit
13 organization; and

14 WHEREAS, Brianna's Pennies of Love has raised more than
15 \$20,000 to date, providing crayons, drawing paper, coloring books,
16 and other items to a number of children over the past several years;
17 the initiative receives support from area schools, churches,
18 businesses, and a local accountant, teacher, and fund-raising
19 coordinator, and Miss Vogel herself has spoken many times to her
20 peers about her endeavor, motivating classmates and faculty alike
21 to donate to her cause; she has been named one of "Five Kids Who
22 Care" by an Austin television station, and her work is highlighted
23 in John Quinones's book *Heroes Among Us: Ordinary People,*
24 *Extraordinary Choices*; and

1 WHEREAS, This caring young person's selfless efforts in
2 behalf of those fighting illness have benefited numerous Texans,
3 and the initiative and dedication she has demonstrated are an
4 inspiration to all who know her; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
6 Legislature hereby honor Brianna Vogel for establishing Brianna's
7 Pennies of Love and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
8 success; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for Miss Vogel as an expression of high regard by the Texas
11 House of Representatives.