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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The C&S Patient Education Foundation, also known as
2 Conquer Chiari, is dedicated to improving the experiences and
3 outcomes of those suffering from Chiari Malformation through
4 education, awareness, and research; and

5 WHEREAS, Chiari Malformation is a serious neurological
6 disorder that occurs when the cerebellum, the part of the brain that
7 controls balance, descends out of the skull and crowds the spinal
8 cord; this puts pressure on both the brain and the spine and
9 disrupts the normal flow of cerebrospinal fluid, causing a wide
10 variety of symptoms, including severe head and neck pain, trouble
11 swallowing, balance problems, sleep apnea, muscle weakness,
12 blurred or double vision, and vertigo; and

13 WHEREAS, Affecting more than 300,000 people in the United
14 States, Chiari can strike both adults and children; many patients
15 undergo brain surgery in an attempt to keep symptoms from
16 progressing, but surgery is not always successful; and

17 WHEREAS, To date, the cause of Chiari Malformation is still
18 unknown, and scientists are investigating whether the disease is a
19 congenital or genetic condition; the National Institute of
20 Neurological Disorders and Stroke, which is part of the National
21 Institutes of Health, is conducting research to better understand
22 the disease and to create improved treatment and prevention plans;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, While doctors and patients work to learn more about

1 Chiari Malformation, Conquer Chiari is advocating for increased
2 public awareness of the disease and its consequences; a nonprofit
3 organization, Conquer Chiari aids the medical community and
4 maintains a website offering those affected the most comprehensive
5 source of information available; in addition, the group holds
6 annual fund-raising walks in various locations across the country;
7 this year, 41 states are hosting Conquer Chiari Walk Across America
8 events on September 21, 2013, with four cities in Texas among them:
9 Amarillo, Houston, San Antonio, and Dallas-Fort Worth; and

10 WHEREAS, Conquer Chiari is helping to educate people about
11 this disorder while providing invaluable support to those facing
12 diagnosis and treatment, and the organization and its admirable
13 goals are indeed worthy of commendation; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas
15 hereby honor Conquer Chiari for its efforts in behalf of those with
16 Chiari Malformation and encourage all Texans to learn more about
17 this serious health issue; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for Conquer Chiari as an expression of high regard by the
20 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.