

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The March of Dimes Foundation is celebrating its  
2 75th anniversary during 2013; and

3           WHEREAS, Established by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in  
4 1938, the original purpose of the March of Dimes was to fight polio,  
5 and it helped fund the development of two vaccines in the 1950s to  
6 safeguard individuals against the disease; following those  
7 successes, the organization shifted its focus to the prevention of  
8 birth defects in 1958; and

9           WHEREAS, In the decades since, the March of Dimes has been a  
10 pioneer in the field, making groundbreaking advances in maternal  
11 and child health; the group's research has led to the discovery of  
12 lifesaving products and techniques such as surfactant therapy for  
13 premature infants and tests to identify birth defects; and

14           WHEREAS, A longtime advocate for improved access to health  
15 care for women, children, and families, the March of Dimes has  
16 collaborated with elected officials in national and state  
17 government to realize progress in this area; in 2003, the group  
18 authored the Prematurity Research Expansion and Education for  
19 Mothers Who Deliver Infants Early (PREEMIE) Act, which became law  
20 in 2006; two years later, Congress passed the Newborn Screening  
21 Saves Lives Act, and the March of Dimes worked to ensure that every  
22 state in the nation implemented the screening procedures detailed  
23 in the legislation; and

24           WHEREAS, The March of Dimes sponsors numerous programs in

1 Texas to support healthy pregnancies and infants; focusing on  
2 community engagement and information sharing, these worthy  
3 endeavors range from providing assistance to families with newborn  
4 children in intensive care units to funding scholarships for  
5 individuals pursuing careers in perinatal health care; and

6 WHEREAS, For three quarters of a century, the March of Dimes  
7 and its dedicated volunteers have carried out important efforts to  
8 improve the health of individuals throughout the United States, and  
9 this admirable organization is sure to remain a positive force in  
10 the years ahead; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
12 Legislature hereby honor the March of Dimes Foundation on its 75th  
13 anniversary and extend to the Texas chapter of the organization  
14 sincere best wishes for continued success.

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Alonzo	Gooden	Otto
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Anderson	Gutierrez	Patrick
Ashby	Harless	Perez
Aycock	Harper-Brown	Perry
Bell	Hernandez Luna	Phillips
Bohac	Herrero	Pickett
Bonnen of Brazoria	Hilderbran	Pitts
Bonnen of Galveston	Howard	Price
Branch	Huberty	Raney
Burkett	Hughes	Ratliff
Burnam	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Callegari	Johnson	Riddle
Canales	Kacal	Ritter
Capriglione	Keffer	Rodriguez of Bexar
Carter	King of Hemphill	Rodriguez of Travis
Clardy	King of Parker	Rose
Coleman	King of Taylor	Sanford
Collier	King of Zavala	Schaefer
Cook	Kleinschmidt	Sheets
Cortez	Klick	Sheffield of Bell
Craddick	Kolkhorst	Sheffield of Coryell
Creighton	Krause	Simmons
Crownover	Kuempel	Simpson
Dale	Larson	Smith
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Dukes	Lozano	Taylor
Dutton	Lucio III	Thompson of Brazoria
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Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villarreal
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Giddings	Murphy	Wu
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Speaker of the House

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