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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Kate Voth of Austin has demonstrated remarkable
2 spirit and resolve in her battle with cancer; and

3 WHEREAS, In 2004, when she was just 18 years old, Ms. Voth was
4 diagnosed with melanoma; she underwent surgery and began
5 immunotherapy, but the cancer reappeared in 2009 in an advanced
6 stage; now 26, she has braved countless hospital visits and endured
7 additional biopsies, surgeries, chemotherapy, radiation, and other
8 treatments in her campaign to halt the progression of the disease;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Voth is motivated and comforted by hundreds of
11 supporters, including family members, friends, and even strangers
12 who are touched by her positive attitude and unshakable
13 determination; in turn, she has helped encourage others who share
14 her struggle; a social media manager, she has used her familiarity
15 with online communications to reach out to other cancer fighters,
16 particularly younger people who may feel isolated in their
17 experience, and she has built strong and lasting friendships in the
18 process; and

19 WHEREAS, Even as she has dedicated herself to making a full
20 recovery, Ms. Voth has refused to let the disease define her life;
21 in 2008, she married her high school sweetheart, Mike Voth, who has
22 been by her side throughout her ordeal; in addition, she devotes her
23 time to a range of professional and community events in the Austin
24 area, as well as partakes in the simple joys of music, good food,

1 and sharing time with friends; and

2 WHEREAS, Ms. Voth remains passionate about outdoor
3 activities, particularly running, and hopes to one day compete in
4 the Boston Marathon; on February 17, 2013, in a fitting show of
5 solidarity, more than 100 supporters are participating in the
6 Livestrong Austin Marathon and Half Marathon as members of "Team
7 Kate"; and

8 WHEREAS, Kate Voth has drawn on an incredible reserve of
9 courage, grace, and optimism, and in so doing, she has become an
10 inspiring role model to all who know her; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
12 Legislature hereby commend Kate Voth for her strength, compassion,
13 and selfless service to others and extend to her sincere best wishes
14 for the future; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for Ms. Voth as an expression of high regard by the Texas
17 House of Representatives.