

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family, friends, and admirers are joining together  
2 to celebrate Nate Oxford Day on February 15, 2013, in honor of a  
3 courageous young boy who lost his battle with cancer on January 28  
4 at the age of six; and

5           WHEREAS, Nate Oxford of Fate was diagnosed with cancer a few  
6 months shy of his third birthday; although the disease would  
7 ultimately claim his life, he never let it diminish his spirit or  
8 his determination; he bravely endured multiple rounds of  
9 chemotherapy and several surgeries, always maintaining a buoyant  
10 sense of optimism as he outlived his doctors' expectations time and  
11 time again; and

12           WHEREAS, Along the way, this inspiring young Texan's bright  
13 smile and sense of humor in the face of adversity endeared him to  
14 thousands of supporters across the nation, who dubbed themselves  
15 "Nate's Mates"; they rallied around his family for more than four  
16 years and organized a 5k fund-raiser for the boy's treatments,  
17 during which Nate, sporting his "number 1" race bib, surprised  
18 everyone by clearing the finish line; and

19           WHEREAS, In addition to his many friends and admirers, Nate  
20 drew comfort and encouragement from his loving parents, Wes and  
21 Jackie Oxford, and his brothers, Jake and Luke; always warmhearted,  
22 he had an uncanny ability to lift the spirits of others with a joke  
23 or a simple act of kindness; and

24           WHEREAS, Although Nate Oxford's time on this earth was far

1 too brief, he left an indelible mark on his community and will  
2 forever hold a treasured place in the hearts of all those who knew  
3 and loved him; now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Nate Oxford,  
6 recognize his birthday on February 15, 2013, as Nate Oxford Day, and  
7 extend sincere sympathy to his relatives and many friends; and, be  
8 it further

9         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House  
11 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Nate  
12 Oxford.

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Straus	M. Gonzalez of El Paso	Oliveira
Allen	N. Gonzalez of El Paso	Orr
Alonzo	Gooden	Otto
Alvarado	Guerra	Paddie
Anchia	Guillen	Parker
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
Darby	Laubenberg	Smithee
Davis of Dallas	Lavender	Springer
J. Davis of Harris	Leach	Stephenson
S. Davis of Harris	Lewis	Stickland
Deshotel	Longoria	Strama
Dukes	Lozano	Taylor
Dutton	Lucio III	Thompson of Brazoria
Eiland	Marquez	Thompson of Harris
Elkins	Martinez	Toth
Fallon	Martinez Fischer	Turner of Collin
Farias	McClendon	Turner of Harris
Farney	Menendez	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miles	Villalba
Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villarreal
Flynn	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morrison	White
Geren	Munoz, Jr.	Workman
Giddings	Murphy	Wu
Goldman	Naishtat	Zedler
Gonzales	Nevarez	Zerwas

H.R. No. 434

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 434 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 14, 2013.

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Chief Clerk of the House