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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.