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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Five-year-old Charlie Dina of Houston continues to
2 touch the lives of many people with his courage and determination;
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4 WHEREAS, Charlie was diagnosed with neuroblastoma, a form of
5 pediatric cancer, in May 2012, and he has endured 5 rounds of
6 chemotherapy, 2 surgeries, and 12 radiation therapy sessions; on
7 December 5, 2012, Charlie began receiving a stem cell transplant,
8 and after completing this treatment on Christmas Eve, he was
9 allowed to spend the holidays at home with his family; he has been
10 progressing steadily since, and his family has decided to celebrate
11 December 5 each year as Charlie's new birthday, the day when his
12 path to healing began; and

13 WHEREAS, Angela and Mike Dina, Charlie's parents, have drawn
14 on their deep faith to help guide their family through these
15 strenuous times, and Charlie is also supported by his older sister,
16 Caroline; and

17 WHEREAS, Since learning of Charlie's diagnosis and heroic
18 fight, neighbors, friends, and strangers from throughout the
19 country have mobilized in behalf of the Dinas; a support group
20 created yellow bracelets to highlight Charlie's condition,
21 decorated with the words "Charlie's Angels" and a quote from
22 scripture, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me";
23 requests for bracelets soon started pouring in, along with letters
24 of support for the family; and

1 WHEREAS, One of Charlie's biggest fans helped shine the
2 national spotlight on the family in the fall of 2012; Mr. Dina and
3 his wife, a graduate of Texas A&M University, reached out to
4 Charlie's favorite football player, Johnny Manziel, in October,
5 offering him a wristband; from that moment forward, the yellow
6 flash at the Aggie quarterback's wrist could be seen during games
7 and press conferences; he even wore the bracelet while receiving
8 his Heisman Trophy, and he shared Charlie's inspirational story
9 with the world during a televised interview at the award
10 presentation; and

11 WHEREAS, The glimmer of Charlie's indomitable spirit has
12 grown stronger as he slowly recovers, and his family is looking
13 forward to the fall, when this young boy who loves video games,
14 Legos, *Star Wars*, and the Aggies will enroll in kindergarten; and

15 WHEREAS, Despite the obstacles, Charlie Dina has
16 demonstrated tremendous strength beyond his years, and he is in the
17 thoughts and prayers of all who are privileged to know him; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
20 Legislature hereby commend Charlie Dina of Houston for his bravery
21 in fighting cancer and extend to him sincere best wishes for health
22 and happiness; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for Charlie Dina as an expression of high regard by the
25 Texas House of Representatives.