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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Texas Irish Cycling Team are visiting  
2 the State Capitol on April 3, 2013, and this occasion provides an  
3 ideal opportunity to recognize the organization for its  
4 contributions; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2006, 22 friends from the Dallas-Fort Worth area  
6 joined together to form the Texas Irish Cycling Team in order to  
7 participate in a charity ride for the National Multiple Sclerosis  
8 Society; the team and its commitment to community service continued  
9 to grow, and in 2012, the members established a not-for-profit  
10 corporation, the Texas Irish Foundation; and

11 WHEREAS, This civic-minded organization is dedicated to  
12 supporting medical research and helping veterans, the homeless,  
13 and women and children in need; since its inception, the team has  
14 raised more than \$400,000 for such charities as the Children's  
15 Medical Center of Dallas, the Make-a-Wish Foundation, Toys for  
16 Tots, and the American Diabetes Association; and

17 WHEREAS, In addition, members of the Texas Irish take an  
18 active role in philanthropic organizations and in the lives of some  
19 of the group's beneficiaries; they have focused particularly on  
20 raising awareness of domestic violence through their association  
21 with the Genesis Women's Shelter; moreover, they have created a  
22 program to provide recumbent bicycles to those affected with the  
23 neuromuscular condition Friedreich's ataxia; and

24 WHEREAS, The members of the Texas Irish Cycling Team maintain

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1 a busy schedule of rallies, and while building fellowship and  
2 pursuing their love of a healthy sport, they work diligently to make  
3 a positive difference in the Metroplex and beyond; now, therefore,  
4 be it

5       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
6 Legislature hereby honor the members of the Texas Irish Cycling  
7 Team for their service and extend sincere best wishes for continued  
8 success in their noteworthy endeavors; and, be it further

9       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the  
11 Texas House of Representatives.