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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Little People of America, the nation's oldest
2 and largest organization for people with dwarfism, is celebrating
3 its 56th anniversary in 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded in 1957 by the well-known actor Billy Barty,
5 the LPA is the only organization that supports people with any of
6 the more than 200 forms of dwarfism; the LPA assists members and
7 their families with such issues as parenting and adoption and
8 provides medical resources and referrals and information about
9 educational scholarships; moreover, the LPA is involved in a range
10 of community outreach initiatives; and

11 WHEREAS, Since its inception with some 20 members, the LPA
12 has grown to include a national membership of more than 6,500; its
13 goal is to empower people with dwarfism to achieve their full
14 potential and to advocate for communities in which people with
15 dwarfism can pursue educational, employment, and social
16 opportunities on an equal playing field; and

17 WHEREAS, The dwarfism community includes over 650,000 people
18 worldwide, including an estimated 2,600 people in Texas; and

19 WHEREAS, The Lone Star State celebrates the many
20 contributions that individuals with dwarfism have made to society,
21 including as productive members of the workforce, and it is indeed
22 fitting to recognize the LPA and its dedication to improving the
23 quality of life for many people; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas

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1 Legislature hereby recognize October 2013 as Dwarfism Awareness
2 Month and congratulate the members of Little People of America on
3 the organization's 56th anniversary.