

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In February 2013, generous residents of Georgetown
2 and the surrounding area collected more than \$7,000 to help offset
3 the costs of a life-saving operation for five-year-old Wynter
4 Young; and

5 WHEREAS, Wynter is a special needs child born with Down
6 syndrome; strong-willed, rambunctious, and blessed with a beaming
7 smile, she is supported by her loving parents, Adam and Tiffany
8 Young, who have worked to ensure that their daughter experiences
9 all the joys of childhood while she grows to her full potential; and

10 WHEREAS, During a routine medical visit in April 2012, tests
11 revealed that Wynter had a rare complication called
12 atlanto-occipital instability, which placed her at serious risk of
13 breaking her spinal cord in the event of a fall or other traumatic
14 movement; the Youngs quickly began working with doctors to devise a
15 plan of treatment and found that an intensive 10-hour spinal fusion
16 surgery would be required to correct her condition; and

17 WHEREAS, Wynter was cleared to undergo the procedure at
18 Shriners Hospital for Children in Philadelphia, which agreed to
19 cover the medical costs; the family still faced a litany of
20 expenses, however, including airfare and hotel stays for several
21 round trips to the hospital; and

22 WHEREAS, Soon enough, the story of this vulnerable young girl
23 and her family reached neighbors across the city, and support began
24 pouring in from a multitude of sources; businesses stepped up to

1 provide them with new tires for the family car and a new mattress,
2 and a team from Home Depot even renovated their kitchen and
3 bathrooms to better accommodate Wynter's recovery process; a number
4 of significant contributions arrived from outside of Georgetown, in
5 particular from members of the Austin Shriners; and

6 WHEREAS, This widespread generosity culminated in a
7 fund-raiser hosted by the family's congregation at NewChurch in
8 partnership with the Downtown Georgetown Alliance; the event drew
9 some 500 attendees for an evening of food, live music, and
10 entertainment and featured a silent auction with a diverse showcase
11 of donations, including footballs autographed by The University of
12 Texas head football coach Mack Brown, as well as quilts stitched and
13 pecans gathered especially for the occasion; and

14 WHEREAS, With the help of organizations, businesses,
15 families, and many caring individuals, the outcome of the
16 fund-raiser far exceeded expectations; on March 7, Wynter
17 successfully underwent surgery, and although the road ahead is
18 long, hopes are high that she will once again be able to run and play
19 without fear of harm; and

20 WHEREAS, The strength of a community may best be judged by how
21 its members care for the most vulnerable among them, and through
22 this meaningful act of charity, area citizens have not only made a
23 lasting difference in a precious young life, but they have also
24 distinguished Georgetown as a place that many compassionate and
25 committed people call home; now, therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
27 Legislature hereby commend the people of Georgetown and beyond for

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1 their outstanding efforts in behalf of Wynter Young and her family.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1502 was adopted by the House on April 24, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House