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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.