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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Maverick Walker of Dripping Springs is leading the  
2 charge as the hero of the Arthritis Foundation's Austin Arthritis  
3 Walk, which is taking place on April 27, 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, A fifth-grade student and an eighth-generation  
5 Texan, Maverick awoke one morning in 2010 and found himself unable  
6 to walk; a diagnosis of ankylosing spondylitis and juvenile  
7 idiopathic arthritis marked the beginning of a difficult road to  
8 recovery and with it a battery of tests, injections, and infusions,  
9 all of which Maverick has faced with a positive attitude; and

10 WHEREAS, Having made steady progress, Maverick has since  
11 returned to many of the activities he loves; in addition to playing  
12 baseball and basketball and hunting alongside his father, he is  
13 active in the youth group at his church and is a member of his  
14 school's student council; he has earned the admiration and  
15 affection of his peers and teachers alike for his good cheer and  
16 often dry sense of humor, as well as for his willingness to stand up  
17 for others; and

18 WHEREAS, On April 27, this bright and courageous young Texan  
19 is adding one more item to his impressive list of accomplishments  
20 when he serves as the Austin Arthritis Walk Hero; with  
21 determination and the support of a host of family and friends,  
22 Maverick is sure to succeed in this exciting new challenge, and his  
23 spirit and enthusiasm will continue to inspire all who know him;  
24 now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
2 Legislature hereby honor Maverick Walker as the 2013 Austin  
3 Arthritis Walk Hero and extend to him sincere best wishes for the  
4 future; and, be it further

5           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
6 prepared for Maverick as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
7 House of Representatives.