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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the deep shock and
2 sadness felt by all Texans over the tragic events at the Boston
3 Marathon on April 15, 2013, and we pause to remember those who died
4 and to honor those who risked their own lives to come to the aid of
5 the injured; and

6 WHEREAS, The Boston Marathon has been held every spring since
7 1897, with elite athletes and dedicated amateurs from around the
8 world gathering in a festive spirit of friendly competition and a
9 celebration of the joy of running; the marathon is traditionally
10 held on Patriots' Day, a Massachusetts state holiday, and this
11 year, 23,000 runners were being cheered on by half a million
12 spectators; and

13 WHEREAS, At 2:50 p.m. on the afternoon of the 117th running of
14 the marathon, a bomb exploded near the finish line, devastating the
15 crowd, and seconds later, another bomb detonated nearby; three
16 people were killed and more than 170 others were injured, many of
17 them severely; the three innocents who lost their lives were Martin
18 Richard, a spirited eight-year-old boy from Dorchester,
19 Massachusetts, Krystle Campbell, a dynamic young woman from
20 Arlington, Massachusetts, who worked as a restaurant manager, and
21 Lu Lingzi, a graduate student from China who had come to America to
22 study at Boston University; our thoughts and prayers go out to their
23 families and loved ones; and

24 WHEREAS, Even as it was unfolding, this terrible tragedy was

1 met with a response that embodied the best of the human spirit;
2 video recordings of the event captured the awe-inspiring heroism of
3 Boston police officers, medical personnel, marathon volunteers,
4 and ordinary citizens who raced through the smoke toward the
5 wounded only seconds after the explosion, with no thought for their
6 own safety, only the determination to offer assistance and comfort
7 to strangers; in addition, many of the participants in the marathon
8 continued running past the finish line, heading to local hospitals
9 to donate blood, while numerous area residents spontaneously opened
10 their hearts and their homes to stranded visitors; and

11 WHEREAS, Although the explosions took place 2,000 miles away,
12 the people of the Lone Star State stand shoulder to shoulder with
13 our brothers and sisters in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and
14 while we mourn for those who were lost and the lives that were
15 shattered, we also offer our heartfelt tribute to the citizens of
16 Boston, whose bravery, resilience, and compassion in a time of
17 trial are a beacon of hope to all people, everywhere; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
20 Legislature hereby express its grief over the immeasurable pain and
21 suffering caused by the bombings at the Boston Marathon and honor
22 the everyday heroes of that city who came to the aid of the victims;
23 and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That when the Texas House of Representatives
25 adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Martin Richard, Krystle
26 Campbell, and Lu Lingzi.