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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Cheyanna's Champions-4-Children organization  
2 completed its Austin to Boston Campaign in April 2013 to benefit  
3 youngsters suffering from rare, undiagnosed, or acute medical  
4 conditions; and

5           WHEREAS, Founded by Talaya Frazier of Austin, Cheyanna's  
6 Champions-4-Children provides a support team for children with  
7 these particularly challenging types of illnesses; the group was  
8 named in honor of Ms. Frazier's daughter, whose rare condition went  
9 undiagnosed for several years; and

10           WHEREAS, Champions-4-Children offers opportunities for  
11 social interaction to families who are striving to surmount similar  
12 obstacles, and it helps them to access research studies that focus  
13 on the undiagnosed and rare conditions that are affecting their  
14 children; life-coaching and nutritional-counseling volunteers also  
15 engage with families, and in times of crisis, the organization even  
16 helps those in need with meal preparation, housekeeping, and other  
17 daily tasks; and

18           WHEREAS, In an effort to provide young patients with hope and  
19 inspiration, the organization arranges sponsorships in which  
20 athletes compete in running events to honor specific children who  
21 are struggling with illness; the Austin to Boston Campaign featured  
22 10 runners who first completed the Austin Marathon in February 2013  
23 and then ran the Boston Marathon in April; they included Talaya  
24 Frazier, Joe Berti, Paul Carmona, Desiree Ficker, David Garza,

1 Maria Groten, Matt Harmatuk, Laci Jones, Thomas O'Connor, and Tara  
2 Williams; they dedicated their races to Gandhi Angeles, Caleb  
3 Durden, Joshua Edmondson, Drew Huneycutt, Garrison McAfee,  
4 Torrence McClead, Mia Nieto, Kayleigh Northington, Christian  
5 Tamez, and Carter Wagner; and

6 WHEREAS, These athletes experienced the tragedy that cast a  
7 shadow over the Boston Marathon this year, but all returned safely  
8 home to Texas; at a special ceremony, the athletes presented their  
9 race medals from both events to the youngsters they teamed with as  
10 symbols of faith in the ability to overcome obstacles; and

11 WHEREAS, Cheyanna's Champions-4-Children has worked  
12 diligently to give comfort and hope to young people who are coping  
13 with difficult medical conditions, and its Austin to Boston  
14 Campaign is an inspiring example of the good that can be  
15 accomplished by caring citizens; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
17 Legislature hereby commend Cheyanna's Champions-4-Children on its  
18 Austin to Boston Campaign and extend sincere best wishes for  
19 continued success to all those associated with this noteworthy  
20 organization; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
22 prepared for Cheyanna's Champions-4-Children as an expression of  
23 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.