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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the sorrow felt at
2 the loss of Carli Grace Simmons of Burkeville, who passed away on
3 April 26, 2013, at the age of three; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Valerie and Bradley Simmons, Carli
5 was born on December 8, 2009, in DeRidder, Louisiana, and she
6 brought great happiness to her parents, her brother "Co-Co," her
7 grandparents, Paw-Paw and Maw-Maw and Grampy and Grammy, and all
8 those around her; and

9 WHEREAS, Carli was diagnosed with a brain tumor before she
10 turned two, and, motivated by their experiences at Texas Children's
11 Hospital, her parents established Carli's Butterfly
12 W.I.S.H.E.S. Foundation; this nonprofit organization works to meet
13 the needs of families with loved ones in the Progressive Care Unit
14 of the hospital by providing toys for the children and meals for the
15 families; and

16 WHEREAS, Although her time on this earth was far too brief,
17 Carli Grace inspired countless others with her beautiful smile and
18 contagious laugh, and the foundation that carries her name will
19 continue to bring comfort into the lives of others facing the
20 struggle of a prolonged stay at the hospital; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
22 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Carli Grace Simmons
23 and extend deepest sympathy to the members of her family: to her
24 parents, Valerie and Bradley Simmons; to her brother, Cody "Co-Co"

1 Simmons; to her grandparents, David and Nancy Bishop and James and
2 Joy Hutton; to her great-grandparents, Raymond and Etta Simmons; to
3 her great-grandfather, Merton Smith; to her aunts, Brenda Addison,
4 Laurie Greer, and Sierra Hutton; to her uncles, Brenton Hutton and
5 Nathan Hutton; to her cousins, Nolan and Erin Greer; and to her
6 other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
9 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Carli
10 Simmons.