

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 192

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the March of Dimes Foundation on the occasion of its 75th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, This pioneering organization has worked ceaselessly over the decades to improve the health of infants and women of childbearing age; its focus is on the prevention of birth defects, infant mortality, and premature birth; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1938 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to combat polio, the March of Dimes was instrumental in funding the development of polio vaccines and virtually eliminating the disease; those same immunizations are still in use today; and

WHEREAS, Having achieved its original mission, the foundation shifted its attention to the prevention of birth defects and the promotion of healthy pregnancies; it established a national network of programs to monitor expecting mothers; and

WHEREAS, The organization's efforts have helped lead to critical breakthroughs in research, testing, and treatment; as a result of its efforts, scientists have discovered new lifesaving products and new ways to treat premature infants; the March of Dimes has also played a vital role in pressing for federal legislation to promote the screening of newborns; and

WHEREAS, Now, the organization has set the ambitious goal of reducing preterm birth to 9.6 percent in every state by the year 2020; for its innovation and determination to champion women's health, infant care, and preventative measures against birth defects, this esteemed organization deserves unstinting praise; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend the March of Dimes Foundation as it celebrates its 75th anniversary and extend to its members best wishes in all its future endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for them as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Zaffirini

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 13, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate