

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1087

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the citizens of Southlake in celebrating the recent groundbreaking at the Texas Rangers Miracle League Field in Southlake; and

WHEREAS, This exciting development will provide an opportunity for hundreds of special-needs children and young adults in the community to play baseball; the field is expected to open in 2014; and

WHEREAS, The Miracle League is an organization of baseball teams that makes it possible for every child to play ball, regardless of his or her mental or physical abilities; and

WHEREAS, Miracle League Southlake has spearheaded the effort to build a field in the city, and league president Phillip Meyer has overseen a fund-raising effort that has succeeded in raising \$220,000 in donations to pay back the city's construction cost for the field; and

WHEREAS, The City of Southlake, under the inspired leadership of Mayor John Terrell, is matching each donation; the field will be constructed with artificial turf that supports wheelchairs and walkers; it is the second such field in the Metroplex; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Rangers Baseball Foundation has been working with the Miracle League since 2005; foundation president Jim Sundberg has played an instrumental role in the foundation's support of Miracle League Southlake, and the foundation has contributed \$100,000 for 10-year naming rights to the new field; and

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WHEREAS, For young people with disabilities or limited abilities, participation in Miracle League provides a positive social outlet and an empowering set of physical and mental challenges; Miracle League baseball has helped players develop their communications skills, and it is an enjoyable and inspiring activity for players and volunteers alike; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend the City of Southlake, the Miracle League of Southlake, and the Texas Rangers Baseball Foundation on the groundbreaking of a new baseball field for special-needs youth; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of the Texas Rangers Miracle League Field in Southlake.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 26, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate