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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The KK125 Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation is
2 dedicated to saving women's lives in Texas and beyond; and

3 WHEREAS, Known as a "silent killer," ovarian cancer has a
4 high mortality rate because it is often diagnosed too late in its
5 progression; the disease rarely causes any symptoms in its early
6 stages, and advanced-stage ovarian cancer may cause few and
7 nonspecific symptoms that are often mistaken for more common,
8 benign conditions; and

9 WHEREAS, The KK125 Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation was
10 established in January 2014 to promote the prevention and early
11 detection of ovarian cancer; it raises funds for research and
12 educates the public about "compassionate use" of safe but
13 experimental drugs by terminal patients when traditional
14 treatments have failed them; and

15 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the foundation has contributed
16 \$50,000 to The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center for
17 research aimed at improving the CA125 blood test, a promising
18 diagnostic tool; moreover, it has advocated powerfully for
19 compassionate use, and it is working with the American Bar
20 Association to instruct attorneys in ways to assist terminally ill
21 clients seeking compassionate use access to treatments; and

22 WHEREAS, The foundation sponsored a booth at the annual Texas
23 Conference for Women to share information about ovarian cancer and
24 engage Texans on a grassroots level; in addition, it has created a

1 speaker's bureau of volunteers trained to address civic, social,
2 and professional groups about the foundation's initiatives; and

3 WHEREAS, Through its vital endeavors, the KK125 Ovarian
4 Cancer Research Foundation is raising awareness of a deadly disease
5 and contributing to the advancement of medical knowledge, and it is
6 indeed fitting to honor this noteworthy organization; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
9 Legislature hereby commend the work of the KK125 Ovarian Cancer
10 Research Foundation and call on all Texans to learn more about
11 ovarian cancer and its detection and treatment; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the
14 Texas House of Representatives.