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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Carson Leslie Foundation is making a positive
2 impact through its efforts in behalf of children battling cancer;
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4 WHEREAS, In 2010, the foundation was established by Annette
5 Leslie just a few months following the untimely death of her
6 17-year-old son, Carson; the organization is dedicated to raising
7 funds for pediatric cancer and enriching the lives of teenage
8 cancer patients; and

9 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society reports that cancer is
10 the leading cause of death by disease in children under the age of
11 15; one in every 285 Americans develops cancer before the age of 20,
12 and the incidence of invasive pediatric cancers has gone up 29
13 percent in the past 20 years; some pediatric brain cancers are
14 terminal upon diagnosis, and no new protocols have been developed
15 in three decades; and

16 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Carson Leslie Foundation
17 has sponsored a variety of fund-raising events; it secured a \$3.2
18 million partnership with the Cancer Prevention and Research
19 Institute of Texas, and grants from the Carson Leslie Awards for
20 Pediatric Brain Cancers are now supporting research at The
21 University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Baylor College of
22 Medicine, and the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center; and

23 WHEREAS, The medical community has long recognized the need
24 to expand research in pediatric brain cancer, and the Carson Leslie

1 Foundation is playing a vital role through its commitment to
2 increasing funding for these vital endeavors; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
4 Legislature hereby honor the Carson Leslie Foundation for raising
5 funds to combat pediatric cancer and extend to all those associated
6 with the organization sincere best wishes for continued success in
7 their important work; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for the foundation as an expression of high regard by the
10 Texas House of Representatives.