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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Every hour of every day, the nurses and medical
2 support staff of the world render lifesaving care to those in need,
3 and at Dell Children's Medical Center in Austin, the professionals
4 with the Children's Blood and Cancer Center and in the Pediatric
5 Oncology Wing (4 North) have dedicated themselves unceasingly to
6 the well-being of patients and families; and

7 WHEREAS, The unit is staffed by a team of registered nurses
8 and nurse practitioners who balance skilled clinical practice with
9 a high level of attention and respect for their patients' needs; in
10 addition to assisting with all aspects of treatment, nurses
11 instruct parents on how to properly care for children at home, and
12 at times they serve as a much-appreciated pillar of support for
13 families coping with a range of emotions; their work often requires
14 them to retain their composure in stressful and physically taxing
15 circumstances, and their services are in demand throughout the day
16 and night; and

17 WHEREAS, The continuum of care provided at the hospital
18 relies as well on the expertise of pediatric dietitian specialists,
19 who are responsible for determining the specific dietary needs of
20 each child; furthermore, clinical assistants and respiratory
21 therapists monitor blood pressure, body temperature, and other
22 vital signs around the clock, a task that is critically important in
23 detecting fevers in patients who are immunosuppressed; together,
24 these individuals strive to ensure children every advantage in

1 fighting and overcoming their disease; and

2 WHEREAS, Child life specialists are on hand to help families,
3 including the siblings of patients, to manage feelings of anxiety
4 over the illness and hospitalization of a loved one; trained in the
5 areas of child development and psychology, they endeavor to ease
6 the concerns of younger family members in appropriate terms and to
7 make them as comfortable as possible during their visit; they also
8 offer compassionate assistance to children undergoing difficult
9 procedures, and they plan events, such as birthdays and holidays,
10 that can serve as a welcome respite for those facing long-term stays
11 at the center; and

12 WHEREAS, Social workers likewise play a significant role in
13 guiding families through this difficult experience; serving as a
14 liaison between parents and the health care system, they locate
15 appropriate resources, whether financial or other social services,
16 and make travel arrangements if a patient requires treatment at a
17 different facility; and

18 WHEREAS, These distinguished professionals deserve high
19 praise for the work they perform, without which the delivery of care
20 at Dell Children's Medical Center would not be possible, and they
21 may take definite satisfaction in knowing that their efforts have
22 helped countless children on the path to healing and recovery; now,
23 therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
25 Legislature hereby extend sincere gratitude to the staff of the
26 Children's Blood and Cancer Center and the Pediatric Oncology Wing
27 (4 North) of Dell Children's Medical Center and commend them for the

1 great diligence and expertise that they bring to their duties; and,
2 be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for the staff as an expression of high regard by the Texas
5 House of Representatives.