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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Ten-year-old Mackenzie Marquis has faced the many  
2 challenges of living with cystic fibrosis with courage and  
3 determination, and she is truly an inspiration to her family and  
4 countless supporters; and

5           WHEREAS, The daughter of Carrie and Jay Marquis and the older  
6 sister of Abby, Mackenzie was diagnosed at birth with cystic  
7 fibrosis, a genetic condition that requires extensive long-term  
8 therapy; she has undergone an arduous course of treatment that has  
9 included numerous hospital visits and medications, while also  
10 coping with the daily regimen of home care needed to keep her  
11 symptoms at bay; and

12           WHEREAS, Mackenzie benefits tremendously from the love and  
13 encouragement of her family, who have taken an active role in  
14 helping her manage her condition; throughout her life, they have  
15 rallied together with other area residents as participants in Great  
16 Strides, a charity walk administered by the Cystic Fibrosis  
17 Foundation; Mackenzie's walking team, calling themselves  
18 "Mackenzie's Mad Dogs," has raised some \$500,000 for cystic  
19 fibrosis research to date; and

20           WHEREAS, This energetic young girl is passionate about sports  
21 and attends soccer practice three times each week, in addition to  
22 enjoying softball, basketball, and volleyball; she is also fond of  
23 animals and hopes to one day contribute to their care as a  
24 veterinarian; and

1           WHEREAS, Described by her mother as "tough as nails,"  
2 Mackenzie Marquis has shown remarkable strength of spirit during  
3 her journey with cystic fibrosis, and this quality will surely  
4 serve her well as she continues to pursue her dreams; now,  
5 therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby commend Mackenzie Marquis for the grace and  
8 heart she brings to each and every day and extend to her and her  
9 loved ones sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

10          RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for the Marquis family as an expression of high regard by  
12 the Texas House of Representatives.