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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Cancer is the leading cause of death from disease
2 for children and adolescents in Texas; and

3 WHEREAS, In 2014, more than 1,600 Texans age 19 or younger
4 were diagnosed with cancer; it is estimated that 1 in 285 people
5 will be diagnosed with cancer before the age of 20, and the number
6 of cases of childhood cancer has risen 24 percent over the past 40
7 years; and

8 WHEREAS, During the emotional and often frightening time that
9 follows a cancer diagnosis, young patients must rely on caregivers
10 to guide them every step of the way; in addition to the essential
11 support provided by their families, patients depend on medical care
12 delivered by the skilled physicians, nurses, and technicians who
13 work tirelessly to help them fight the disease; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2007, Texas voters approved a constitutional
15 amendment that established the Cancer Prevention and Research
16 Institute of Texas, with the mission of expediting innovation in
17 cancer research and the development of lifesaving treatments; CPRIT
18 devotes fully 10 percent of its funding to childhood cancers, well
19 over that of the National Cancer Institute, and all of its funded
20 research is conducted in Texas by Texas-based scientists; and

21 WHEREAS, The trauma and uncertainty of coping with cancer is
22 an experience that no child should face, but with the help of health
23 care professionals, caregivers, and dedicated researchers across
24 the state, young patients have more hope than ever before of

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1 overcoming this devastating disease and living full, happy lives;
2 now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
4 Legislature hereby recognize March 1, 2017, as Childhood Cancer
5 Awareness Day at the State Capitol and commend all those who are
6 working in behalf of children with cancer and their families.