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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, ChildSafe is launching its Cardboard Kids campaign
in Del Rio on April 7, 2017; and

3 WHEREAS, A community-wide program, Cardboard Kids was 4 established to heighten awareness about child abuse and neglect; 5 individuals, civic groups, schools, and businesses can join in this 6 effort by decorating and displaying two-foot-tall cardboard 7 cutouts of children, which represent abused and neglected children 8 in the community; and

9 WHEREAS, Thousands of Cardboard Kids were distributed in 10 2016; during this year's observance, sponsored by Valero Energy 11 Foundation, participants will take their cutout to prominent 12 locations, and they can also share photos on social media to begin 13 conversations about this urgent matter; and

WHEREAS, Across the country, five children die of abuse every day; as a children's advocacy center, ChildSafe works to protect the lives and well-being of youngsters who have been maltreated; it provides a safe, child-friendly environment where law enforcement, child protective services, prosecutors, and medical and mental health professionals can share information and coordinate strategies sensitive to the needs of each unique case and child; and

21 WHEREAS, Children are the Lone Star State's most precious 22 resource, and the Cardboard Kids initiative is helping to inform 23 and educate the public about an issue of critical importance; now, 24 therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas 2 Legislature hereby commemorate the launch of the 2017 ChildSafe 3 Cardboard Kids campaign in Del Rio and extend to all those 4 participating in this important project sincere best wishes for a 5 successful program; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 7 prepared for ChildSafe as an expression of high regard by the Texas 8 House of Representatives.