

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, April 13, 2017, is being observed as Mommies
2 Enduring Neonatal Death Day at the State Capitol, and this occasion
3 offers an opportunity to recognize the M.E.N.D. organization and
4 the meaningful assistance that it has provided to grieving
5 families; and

6 WHEREAS, M.E.N.D. was founded in 1996 by Rebekah and Byron
7 Mitchell, who had suffered the loss of their son, Jonathan, the
8 previous year and felt moved to seek out and comfort other families
9 who have experienced miscarriage, stillbirth, or early infant
10 death; and

11 WHEREAS, The first chapter of M.E.N.D. was established in the
12 Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex, where the organization continues to
13 host a variety of support groups each month, and additional
14 chapters have been formed in communities across Texas as well as in
15 Oklahoma, Illinois, Missouri, and Washington; M.E.N.D. also
16 reaches families around the world through a bimonthly newsletter
17 and a number of Facebook groups, and it maintains a website offering
18 a range of online resources for families navigating the grieving
19 process and for the health care providers who serve them; and

20 WHEREAS, Rebekah and Byron Mitchell have transformed their
21 personal tragedy into a movement that touches the lives of
22 countless people, and all those involved with M.E.N.D. are to be
23 commended for the compassion and kindness with which they have
24 helped one another on the path to healing; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
2 Legislature hereby recognize April 13, 2017, as Mommies Enduring
3 Neonatal Death Day at the State Capitol; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for M.E.N.D. as an expression of high regard by the Texas
6 House of Representatives.

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Arévalo	Hefner	Phillips
Ashby	Hernandez	Pickett
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Cortez	Lambert	Springer
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Dean	Lucio III	Tinderholt
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Fallon	Moody	Walle
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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1352 was adopted by the House on April 13, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House