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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Cystic fibrosis, commonly referred to as CF, is a
2 genetic disorder that affects approximately 30,000 children and
3 adults in the United States, more than 1,700 of whom live in this
4 state; and

5 WHEREAS, CF is a life-threatening disease that impairs the
6 function of the body's respiratory and digestive systems; it occurs
7 in approximately 1 out of every 3,500 live births in the United
8 States, with approximately 1,000 new cases diagnosed every year;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, While CF remains a serious health concern around the
11 globe, there have been significant gains in treatment; today, the
12 median predicted survival age for persons with the disease is 41
13 years, a dramatic improvement since the 1950s, when children with
14 CF rarely lived to attend elementary school; as a result of the
15 medical advances, the number of adults living with the disease has
16 steadily grown; and

17 WHEREAS, Early diagnosis and treatment of CF can greatly
18 enhance the quality of life and longevity of patients; in addition
19 to employing a daily regimen of home care, patients can benefit from
20 antibiotics and other innovative treatments that can help
21 considerably in managing their symptoms; moreover, Texas is home to
22 11 world-class centers that specialize in the diagnosis of CF and
23 the care of persons living with the disease; and

24 WHEREAS, Public awareness is crucial to enabling more

1 patients with CF to live longer, healthier lives, and Cystic
2 Fibrosis Awareness Month in May provides an opportune time to
3 promote education about the disease and to encourage support for
4 additional research; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
6 Legislature hereby recognize May 2017 as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness
7 Month and urge Texans to learn more about CF and to get involved in
8 the effort to find a cure for this devastating disease.