

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, Each year, more than 1,700 Texans age 19 or younger
4 are diagnosed with cancer; approximately 200 young people die of
5 cancer annually, and the number of cases of childhood cancer has
6 risen 24 percent over the past 40 years; and

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

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

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

1 now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
3 Legislature hereby recognize March 12, 2019, as Childhood Cancer
4 Awareness Day at the State Capitol and commend all those who are
5 working in behalf of children with cancer and their families.

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H.R. No. 362

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 362 was adopted by the House on March 13, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House