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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, 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.