RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Abigail Rose Arias of Angleton has captured the 2 hearts of countless people through the grace and courage she has demonstrated throughout her battle with cancer, and on February 25, 3 2019, the inspiring six-year-old is being sworn in at the State 4 5 Capitol as an honorary member of the Texas Rangers; and 6 WHEREAS, Two years ago, Abigail was diagnosed with a rare 7 form of pediatric cancer, which has required her to endure numerous surgeries and chemotherapy treatments; she has never wavered in her 8 9 determination to conquer the disease, and she draws strength and support from her loving parents, Ilene and Ruben Arias, and her 10 11 older brother, Ethan, as well as a multitude of other admirers; and 12 WHEREAS, Abigail has dreamed of becoming a police officer, and she enjoys contributing to the Freeport Police Department's 13 14 Blue Santa Program by volunteering to hand out gifts to less privileged children during the holiday season; she was recently 15 named an honorary member of the department after her story and her 16 desire to serve her community caught the attention of Freeport 17 Police Chief Ray Garivey, who enlisted the help of an organization 18 in Pearland known as Cop Stop and partnered with other local leaders 19 20 to make her dream a reality; and 21 WHEREAS, More than 200 family members, friends, and police 22 officers attended the special ceremony on February 7, 2019, when 23 Abigail was presented with a custom child-sized uniform, along with a badge, patches, and challenge coins befitting an officer of the 24

- 1 law; the young girl took her oath as Rookie Officer No. 758 of the
- 2 Freeport PD, making a vow to continue fighting the "bad guys,"
- 3 referring to her cancer; the emotional moment has since been
- 4 featured by national news outlets, and a video of the ceremony has
- 5 garnered millions of online views; she received another
- 6 well-deserved recognition when February 7 was declared as "Abigail
- 7 Rose Arias Day" by Freeport Mayor Troy Brimage; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Abigail Arias is a remarkable young Texan whose
- 9 compassion, character, and bravery make her a beloved member of the
- 10 community, and she remains in the thoughts and prayers of
- 11 well-wishers across the nation as she continues to battle her
- 12 disease; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
- 14 Legislature hereby commend Abigail Rose Arias for her outstanding
- 15 perseverance and warmly congratulate her on being named an honorary
- 16 Texas Ranger; and, be it further
- 17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 18 prepared for Abigail and her family as an expression of high regard
- 19 by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 377 was adopted by the House on February 25, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 0 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House