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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Abigail Rose Arias of Angleton has captured the  
2 hearts of countless people through the grace and courage she has  
3 demonstrated throughout her battle with cancer, and on February 25,  
4 2019, the inspiring six-year-old is being sworn in at the State  
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  
8 surgeries and chemotherapy treatments; she has never wavered in her  
9 determination to conquer the disease, and she draws strength and  
10 support from her loving parents, Ilene and Ruben Arias, and her  
11 older brother, Ethan, as well as a multitude of other admirers; and

12           WHEREAS, Abigail has dreamed of becoming a police officer,  
13 and she enjoys contributing to the Freeport Police Department's  
14 Blue Santa Program by volunteering to hand out gifts to less  
15 privileged children during the holiday season; she was recently  
16 named an honorary member of the department after her story and her  
17 desire to serve her community caught the attention of Freeport  
18 Police Chief Ray Garivey, who enlisted the help of an organization  
19 in Pearland known as Cop Stop and partnered with other local leaders  
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  
24 a badge, patches, and challenge coins befitting an officer of the

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

13       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.