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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Luke Grumbles of Palestine, an extraordinary young
2 Texan who demonstrated inspiring courage and character in the face
3 of adversity, passed away on May 24, 2018, at the age of 10; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Palestine on July 31, 2007, Luke was blessed
5 with the love and affection of his parents, Dwayne and Cherie Wood
6 Grumbles, his brother, Jake, and a large extended family; a
7 fourth-grade student at Neches Elementary School, he was also a
8 cherished member of Palestine Grace Church; and

9 WHEREAS, Luke fought a fierce battle with acute myeloid
10 leukemia after he was diagnosed with the disease in September 2017,
11 and he bravely endured a treatment regimen that included several
12 intense rounds of chemotherapy and a bone marrow transplant; when
13 word began to spread about this determined young man and his
14 struggle against cancer, he received an outpouring of support,
15 prayers, and encouragement from the Palestine community, which
16 rallied together to help allay his medical expenses and fund
17 several special trips for him and his family; and

18 WHEREAS, In his final months, Luke was able to go hunting,
19 fish for gar, ride in a four-wheeler, attend a Texas Rangers
20 baseball game, visit Disney World, and experience the wonders of
21 the outdoors at Beavers Bend State Park in Oklahoma; throughout his
22 treatment, he expressed a sincere interest in helping other
23 children who were staying at the hospital by doing small things to
24 make their days brighter, and this compassionate goal led to the

1 establishment of the LukeStrong Foundation, which is carrying on
2 his dream of promoting cancer research and lending much-needed
3 support to children who are fighting cancer; and

4 WHEREAS, Although his illness was a challenge that ultimately
5 proved insurmountable, his desire to bring hope to young patients
6 like himself made Luke Grumbles a hero in the eyes of all who were
7 fortunate enough to share in his journey, and he will forever hold a
8 treasured place in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Luke Grumbles and
11 extend deepest condolences to the members of his family: to his
12 parents, Dwayne and Cherie Grumbles; to his brother, Jake Grumbles;
13 to his grandparents, Lalayne and Chuck Rich and Cheryl Wood; to his
14 great-grandmother, Marinelle Manor; to his great-aunts and -uncle,
15 Keith and Becky Tanner and Darla Cook; and to the many others who
16 mourn his passing; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Luke
20 Grumbles.