

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Variety, the Children's Charity of Texas, has long  
2 made a positive difference in the lives of young Texans with special  
3 needs, and members of the organization are gathering in Austin on  
4 March 27, 2019, to celebrate Variety Day at the State Capitol; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1935, a Dallas-based chapter of the Variety Club,  
6 a social and charitable organization, was chartered by a group of  
7 Texas business leaders; its founders shared a common belief that  
8 children affected by poverty, abuse, and neglect, as well as those  
9 with illnesses and disabilities, should be given the same  
10 opportunities as their peers; today, Variety of Texas works to  
11 realize the vision of a world without isolation and stigma for  
12 children with special needs and their families; and

13 WHEREAS, For nearly 85 years, Variety has provided financial  
14 assistance that has helped thousands of families afford lifesaving  
15 medical procedures, along with wheelchair-accessible vans, service  
16 dogs, adapted tricycles, iPads, cranial helmets, and other items  
17 and services that are often not covered by insurance programs; the  
18 organization also operates Variety's Peaceable Kingdom Retreat for  
19 Children, which was founded in 1984 to serve children with chronic  
20 illnesses in Bell County; each year, VPKRC hosts more than 6,000  
21 campers and offers them the opportunity to enjoy the excitement of  
22 camp, to participate in accessible field trips and activities, and  
23 to learn more about their natural environment; and

24 WHEREAS, The compassionate work of Variety has helped provide

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1 countless young Texans with the support, encouragement, and  
2 confidence they need to reach their highest potential, and it is  
3 indeed fitting to pay tribute to this outstanding organization;  
4 now, therefore, be it

5       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby recognize March 27, 2019, as Variety Day at the  
7 State Capitol and extend to all those visiting sincere best wishes  
8 for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin; and, be it further

9       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for Variety as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
11 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 986 was adopted by the House on March 27, 2019, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House