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H.R. No. 986

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

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.