

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Sickle Cell Association of Houston, Inc., and  
2 its founder, Tonya Prince, are making vital contributions to the  
3 well-being of people with sickle cell disease in the Greater  
4 Houston Metropolitan Area; and

5           WHEREAS, Ms. Prince established the organization alongside  
6 her daughter, Quannecia McCruse, who suffers from sickle cell  
7 disease; the hereditary genetic disorder, which is more common in  
8 individuals of African descent, causes some red blood cells to  
9 become rigid and crescent-shaped, leading to obstructed blood flow  
10 and anemia; in serious cases, affected patients can experience  
11 periodic and at times debilitating episodes of pain, as well as  
12 potentially life-threatening complications such as organ damage,  
13 infections, pulmonary embolism, and stroke; and

14           WHEREAS, Serving as a care coordination center, the Sickle  
15 Cell Association of Houston is staffed with certified genetics  
16 education counselors, community health workers, and patient  
17 navigators; SCA Houston is focused on achieving better health  
18 outcomes for the local sickle cell population, and in addition to  
19 connecting patients with medical resources, the organization hosts  
20 a monthly support group, educational programs, and professional  
21 seminars; its outreach efforts have included a 5K and 1K walk and a  
22 blood drive held in partnership with the Gulf Coast Regional Blood  
23 Center during Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month in September; and

24           WHEREAS, Under the dedicated leadership of Tonya Prince, the

1 Sickle Cell Association of Houston has excelled in its mission of  
2 empowering Houstonians with sickle cell disease to "live without  
3 limits," and it is a pleasure to recognize the group for its  
4 important work; now, therefore, be it

5         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby honor Tonya Prince and the Sickle Cell  
7 Association of Houston, Inc., and extend to all those affiliated  
8 with SCA Houston sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it  
9 further

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

Johnson of Harris

H.R. No. 1470

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1470 was adopted by the House on May 10, 2019, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House