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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.