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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month is being observed in
2 May 2021 across Texas and throughout the nation; and

3 WHEREAS, A life-threatening progressive, genetic disease,
4 cystic fibrosis impairs the functioning of the lungs and inhibits
5 the body's ability to break down food and absorb nutrients;
6 patients with cystic fibrosis are at a heightened risk of
7 developing lung infections, and they often struggle with
8 maintaining adequate nutrition both as children and adults; and

9 WHEREAS, More than 30,000 people are living with cystic
10 fibrosis in the United States, and approximately 1,000 new cases
11 are diagnosed each year; many more Americans are symptomless
12 carriers of the disease; and

13 WHEREAS, During the mid-20th century, few individuals with
14 cystic fibrosis survived beyond early childhood, but tremendous
15 advancements in medical care have greatly extended the life
16 expectancy of patients and made it possible for them to realize
17 their dreams of attending college, pursuing careers, getting
18 married, and having families; newborn screenings also help with
19 early diagnosis and treatment; today, more than half of the
20 population with cystic fibrosis have reached the age of 18 or older,
21 and the median predicted survival age is close to 40; and

22 WHEREAS, The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is dedicated to
23 improving the lives of people with the disease, and within the Lone
24 Star State, its mission is carried out by regional chapters

1 headquartered in Austin, San Antonio, Dallas, and Houston; the
2 foundation supports this worthy cause through fundraisers such as
3 Amarillo Great Strides, a virtual walk taking place on May 15, 2021;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Although research breakthroughs have dramatically
6 improved the outlook for people with cystic fibrosis, many lives
7 are still cut short by the condition; during National Cystic
8 Fibrosis Awareness Month, thousands of volunteers are joining
9 together to call attention to this devastating disease, and their
10 efforts are providing vital support to the search for a cure; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize May 2021 as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness
14 Month and encourage all Texans to learn more about cystic fibrosis.