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RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month is being observed in
- 2 May 2022 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
- 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 cystic fibrosis, and within the
- 24 Lone Star State, its mission is carried out by regional chapters

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- 1 headquartered in Austin, San Antonio, Dallas, and Houston; and
- 2 WHEREAS, Although research breakthroughs have dramatically
- 3 improved the outlook for people with cystic fibrosis, many lives
- 4 are still cut short by the condition; during National Cystic
- 5 Fibrosis Awareness Month, thousands of volunteers are joining
- 6 together to call attention to this devastating disease, and their
- 7 efforts are providing vital support to the search for a cure; now,
- 8 therefore, be it
- 9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
- 10 Legislature hereby recognize May 2022 as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness
- 11 Month and encourage all Texans to learn more about cystic fibrosis.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 920 was adopted by the House on May 8, 2021, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House