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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 227

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Kids Join the Fight for its efforts to defeat pediatric cancer

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Kids Join the Fight for its efforts to defeat pediatric cancer.

3 WHEREAS, Kids Join the Fight was founded by Taylor and Angel Beery along with
4 their late son, Walker, after he was diagnosed with Medulloblastoma, a very rare and
5 aggressive pediatric brain cancer; and

6 WHEREAS, Walker inspired and amazed his family, his doctors, and all who had
7 the privilege of encountering him with his infectious courage and gratefulness throughout
8 all of his surgeries, hospital stays, and radiation and chemotherapy treatments; Kids Join the
9 Fight was born from his relentless desire to help other children battling cancer; and

10 WHEREAS, Kids Join the Fight aims to invigorate the superpowers of children and
11 raise money to help defeat pediatric cancer; the money raised through the movement is given
12 to fund global research for pediatric cancer and to provide the local support services and care
13 so desperately needed by pediatric cancer patients and their families; and

14 WHEREAS, Kids Join the Fight has used the donations received to provide grant
15 funding for pediatric cancer treatment research; the charity has awarded grants to
16 Dr. Mohamed Abdelbaki of Washington University in St. Louis, Dr. Thomas De Raedt of
17 Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Dr. Patrick Gunning of the Governing Council of the
18 University of Toronto, Dr. Rintaro Hashizume of Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital
19 of Chicago, Dr. John Prensner of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Dr. Vijay Ramaswamy of
20 Hospital for Sick Children, Dr. Adam Resnick of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and
21 Dr. Maria Trissal of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute; and

1 WHEREAS, Kids Join the Fight has now provided \$1 million in pediatric cancer
2 research funding; the charity has also announced Walker's Imaginarium, a twelve thousand
3 square foot enrichment center at Children's Hospital of New Orleans which will be filled
4 with exhibits and designed to afford sick children the opportunity to enjoy childhood while
5 they are in treatment; and

6 WHEREAS, Kids Join the Fight is currently funding more than \$2 million in projects
7 to support families fighting pediatric cancer, and it is most deserving of the highest
8 recognition for its inspiring mission to defeat pediatric cancer and for its incredible
9 contributions to pediatric cancer research.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
11 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Kids Join the Fight for its efforts to defeat
12 pediatric cancer and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that the movement receives the
13 support it needs to continue its inspiring work.

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