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H.R. No. 172

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Texas HIV/AIDS Coalition are  
2 celebrating their sixth biennial HIV Advocacy Day at the State  
3 Capitol on March 29, 2021; and

4 WHEREAS, The Texas HIV/AIDS Coalition is made up of partner  
5 organizations and advocates from Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, El  
6 Paso, Austin, North Texas, the Rio Grande Valley, and other  
7 communities across the state; HIV Advocacy Day is a statewide  
8 effort to bring Texans living with HIV and those affected by  
9 HIV/AIDS to the Capitol in Austin to help bring visibility to and  
10 educate others about the epidemic; and

11 WHEREAS, According to the Department of State Health  
12 Services, Texas is home to more than 86,000 people living with HIV,  
13 a reality with incalculable public health, social, and financial  
14 consequences; the agency estimates that approximately 4,500 Texans  
15 per year have been diagnosed with HIV throughout the past decade,  
16 which equates to about 12 new diagnoses each day; and

17 WHEREAS, Although we have the medical and scientific  
18 knowledge to bring an end to this epidemic, there is still more we  
19 must do to address the social factors that perpetuate the spread of  
20 HIV, and the Texas HIV/AIDS Coalition is deserving of recognition  
21 for its dedicated efforts to support the fight against the disease;  
22 now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby honor the Texas HIV/AIDS Coalition on the

1 occasion of HIV Advocacy Day at the State Capitol and commend the  
2 organization for its work to improve the lives of individuals with  
3 HIV; and, be it further

4       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for the coalition as an expression of high regard by the  
6 Texas House of Representatives.