

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The State of Texas Anniversary Remembrance (STAR)
2 Day bill (Senate Bill 1656) was passed by the 76th Texas Legislature
3 and signed into law by Governor George W. Bush on June 18, 1999, and
4 stated that all Texas public schools and other organizations shall
5 celebrate the birthday of the State of Texas on the 19th of February
6 each year with appropriate and patriotic programs to inspire a
7 greater appreciation for the history of our state; and

8 WHEREAS, THE GREAT TEXAS BLOOD DONOR ROUNDUP CAMPAIGN was
9 organized and established by the State of Texas Anniversary
10 Remembrance (STAR) Day Foundation on February 19, 2001, as an
11 appropriate and patriotic annual statewide program with a MISSION
12 to educate, inspire, and motivate students to become our future
13 blood donors to help alleviate the growing Texas blood supply
14 shortage in partnership with all Texas public schools by sponsoring
15 SCHOOL ROUNDUP events hosted by school board presidents at the
16 1,754 Texas public schools serving seventh and eighth grade
17 students, where students, as a public service after-school
18 activity, invite their parents, brothers and sisters of age (17
19 years of age or older), grandparents and relatives, school
20 employees, community friends, and high school students of age to
21 donate blood to help alleviate the growing Texas blood supply
22 shortage as their personal STAR DAY birthday present for our state
23 each year; and

24 WHEREAS, The Galveston County Dickinson Independent School

1 District Board of Trustees President Alvin Alton Pool hosted the
2 first SCHOOL ROUNDUP event in Texas at R. D. McAdams Junior High
3 School in partnership with volunteer students, parents, school
4 employees, and friends of the school district on Saturday, March 2,
5 2002, in their school cafeteria from 9 a.m. till 4 p.m. to ROUNDUP
6 adults and Dickinson High School students of age to donate blood to
7 help alleviate the growing Texas blood supply shortage as their
8 school STAR DAY birthday present for our state; and

9 WHEREAS, The State of Texas Anniversary Remembrance (STAR)
10 Day Foundation is inviting all Texas public school board presidents
11 in the 1,055 Texas public school districts to host an annual SCHOOL
12 ROUNDUP event at each of the 1,754 Texas public schools serving
13 seventh and eighth grade students to provide an opportunity for the
14 nearly 600,000 students in the seventh and eighth grades of Texas
15 public schools to volunteer and donate their time in an
16 after-school setting as their annual student STAR DAY birthday
17 present for our state to help ROUNDUP their parents, brothers and
18 sisters of age (17 years or older), grandparents and relatives,
19 school employees, and community friends to donate blood to help
20 alleviate the growing Texas blood supply shortage at a school
21 ROUNDUP event by signing a STUDENT ROUNDUP PLEDGE letter approved
22 by parents in which the volunteer students pledge to read four books
23 and complete eight hours of public service work in an after-school
24 setting as their annual student STAR DAY birthday present for our
25 state to challenge and motivate an adult to donate a pint of blood
26 to help alleviate the growing Texas blood supply shortage; and

27 WHEREAS, On September 26, 2002, Governor Rick Perry issued

1 Executive Order RP-19 in which the governor noted that donating
2 blood provides a lifesaving service to patients with cancer, burns,
3 transplants, and other surgeries and encouraged each state agency
4 in Texas to allow its employees to take one hour of compensatory or
5 vacation time to donate blood to address this current shortage; and

6 WHEREAS, On May 29, 2003, Governor Rick Perry signed House
7 Bill 89, which was authored by Representative Ruth Jones McClendon,
8 establishing a TEXAS EMPLOYEE DONOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE (TEDLOA)
9 POLICY for certain employees of Texas agencies providing paid leave
10 of absence to donate blood, bone marrow, and organs; and

11 WHEREAS, On May 22, 2003, Representative Bob Hunter,
12 Representative Elizabeth Jones (an author of House Bill 89), and
13 Senator Kyle Janek, M.D., hosted the inaugural GREAT TEXAS BLOOD
14 DONOR ROUNDUP AT THE STATE CAPITOL event, which was coordinated by
15 Mr. Tim Flynn, State Capitol Nurse, and sponsored by the State of
16 Texas Anniversary Remembrance (STAR) Day Foundation to answer the
17 call of Governor Perry in the spirit of his Executive Order RP-19
18 and in support of House Bill 89 to provide an opportunity for all
19 elected individuals, State Capitol legislative office employees,
20 and employees of State Capitol agencies to donate blood to help
21 alleviate the growing Texas blood supply shortage as their annual
22 personal STAR DAY birthday presents for our state; and

23 WHEREAS, On July 3, 2003, Manny C. Morales, owner of a State
24 Farm Insurance Agency in El Paso, Texas, joined THE GREAT TEXAS
25 BLOOD DONOR ROUNDUP CAMPAIGN by adopting the TEXAS EMPLOYEE DONOR
26 LEAVE OF ABSENCE (TEDLOA) POLICY for his employees to answer the
27 call of Governor Rick Perry in the spirit of his Executive Order

1 RP-19 and in support of House Bill 89; he has also agreed to donate
2 one book to an area partnering school hosting a SCHOOL ROUNDUP event
3 in the name of the employee and the agency for each pint of blood
4 donated by an employee at an official ROUNDUP event; and

5 WHEREAS, On September 8, 2003, Loving County Judge Donald C.
6 Creager and the Loving County Commissioners joined THE GREAT TEXAS
7 BLOOD DONOR ROUNDUP CAMPAIGN by approving the first TEXAS EMPLOYEE
8 DONOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE (TEDLOA) POLICY for county employees by
9 adopting a Loving County Commissioners Court Resolution to answer
10 the call of Governor Rick Perry in the spirit of his Executive Order
11 RP-19 and in support of House Bill 89; and

12 WHEREAS, On September 8, 2003, the City of Wink Mayor Betty
13 Lou Dodd and the City of Wink Alderpersons in Winkler County joined
14 THE GREAT TEXAS BLOOD DONOR ROUNDUP CAMPAIGN by approving the first
15 TEXAS EMPLOYEE DONOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE (TEDLOA) POLICY for
16 incorporated city employees by adopting a City of Wink Resolution
17 to answer the call of Governor Rick Perry in the spirit of his
18 Executive Order RP-19 and in support of House Bill 89; and

19 WHEREAS, The State of Texas Anniversary Remembrance (STAR)
20 Day Foundation shall commemorate the birthday of the Great State of
21 Texas each year on the 19th day of February by inviting all 254
22 Texas counties, the 1,203 incorporated Texas cities, and the many
23 tens of thousands of Texas corporations and small businesses to
24 adopt a TEXAS EMPLOYEE DONOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE (TEDLOA) POLICY for
25 their respective employees to encourage, motivate, and mobilize
26 their employees to donate blood to help alleviate the growing Texas
27 blood supply shortage to answer the call of Governor Rick Perry in

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1 the spirit of his Executive Order RP-19 and in support of House Bill
2 89 and to invite their employees to visit seventh and eighth grade
3 schools hosting SCHOOL ROUNDUP events to donate blood; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th
6 Legislature of the State of Texas, 3rd Called Session, hereby
7 recognize February 2004 as THE GREAT TEXAS BLOOD DONOR ROUNDUP
8 MONTH.

Hunter

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 176 was adopted by the House on
October 8, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House