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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The State of Texas Anniversary Remembrance (STAR)
2 Day bill (SB-1656) was passed by the 76th State of 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 eight grade students
17 where students as a public service after-school activity invite
18 their parents, brothers and sisters of age (17 years of age or
19 older) grandparents and relatives, school employees, community
20 friends and high school students of age to donate blood to help
21 alleviate the growing Texas blood supply shortage as their personal
22 STAR DAY birthday present for our each year; and

23 WHEREAS, The Galveston County Dickinson Independent School
24 District Board of Trustees President Alvin Alton Pool hosted the

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

8 WHEREAS, The State of Texas Anniversary Remembrance (STAR)
9 Day Foundation is inviting all Texas Public School Board Presidents
10 in the 1,055 Texas public school districts to host an annual SCHOOL
11 ROUNDUP event at each of their 1,754 Texas public schools serving
12 seventh and eight grade students to provide an opportunity for the
13 nearly 600,000 students in the seventh and eight grades of Texas
14 public schools to volunteer and donate their time in an
15 after-school setting as their annual student STAR DAY birthday
16 present for our state to help ROUNDUP their parents, brothers and
17 sisters of age (17 years or older), grandparents and relatives,
18 school employees and community friends to blood to help alleviate
19 the growing Texas blood supply shortage at a school ROUNDUP event by
20 signing a STUDENT ROUNDUP PLEDGE letter approved by parents in
21 which the volunteer students pledge to read four (4) books and
22 complete eight (8) hours of public service work in an after-school
23 setting as their annual student STAR DAY birthday president for our
24 state to challenge and motivate an adult to donate a pint of blood
25 to help alleviate the growing Texas blood supply shortage; and

26 WHEREAS, On September 26, 2002, Governor Rick Perry issued
27 Executive Order RP-19 in which the Governor noted that donating

1 blood provides a lifesaving service to patients with cancer, burns,
2 transplants, and other surgeries and encouraged each state agency
3 in Texas to allow their employees to take one hour of compensatory
4 or vacation time to donate blood to address this current shortage;
5 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, MD hosted the inaugural GREAT TEXAS BLOOD DONOR
14 ROUNDUP AT THE STATE CAPITOL event which was coordinated by Mr. Tim
15 Flynn, State Capitol Nurse and sponsored by The State of Texas
16 Anniversary Remembrance (STAR) Day Foundation to answer the call of
17 Governor Perry in the spirit of his Executive Order RP-19 and in
18 support of House Bill 89 to provide an opportunity for all elected
19 individuals, State Capitol legislative office employees and
20 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 BLOOD
25 DONOR ROUNDUP CAMPAIGN by adopting the TEXAS EMPLOYEE DONOR LEAVE
26 OF ABSENCE (TEDLOA) POLICY for his employees to answer the call of
27 Governor Rick Perry in the spirit of his Executive Order RP-19 and

1 in support of House Bill 89 and has also agreed to donate one book to
2 an area partnering school hosting a SCHOOL ROUNDUP event in the name
3 of employee and the agency for each pint of blood donated by an
4 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 (TEDOLA) 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 (TEDOLA) POLICY for
16 incorporate city employees by adopting a City of Wink Resolution to
17 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 nineteenth day of February by inviting all
22 254 Texas Counties, the 1,203 incorporate Texas cities, 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 RP-19 and in support of House Bill 89 and to invite
2 their employees to visit seventh and eight grade schools hosting
3 SCHOOL ROUNDUP events to donate blood; and; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas,
5 Third Called Session, hereby recognize February 2004, as THE GREAT
6 TEXAS BLOOD DONOR ROUNDUP MONTH.