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H.C.R. No. 148

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, AIDS remains a major global health problem, yet
2 thanks to the availability of improved treatments and the efforts
3 of organizations such as the AIDS Coalition of Texas Now! (ACT
4 Now!), more Texans than ever before are living and working with
5 HIV/AIDS; and

6 WHEREAS, A statewide volunteer coalition of individuals who
7 either have HIV/AIDS or know someone affected by HIV/AIDS, ACT Now!
8 seeks to empower individuals infected or affected by HIV/AIDS by
9 serving as a unified voice in matters related to legislation,
10 appropriations, education, prevention, treatment, and service
11 delivery on the local, state, and national levels; and

12 WHEREAS, Members of ACT Now! have dedicated themselves to
13 disseminating messages that promote early testing and early
14 treatment, while at the same time improving access to appropriate
15 prevention services and health care options; the coalition also
16 encourages the reduction of behavior that has a high risk of leading
17 to contraction of the disease; and

18 WHEREAS, Despite the dramatic decline of AIDS-related
19 deaths and an overall decrease in the number of new AIDS cases
20 diagnosed, there remains much to be done in the battle to find a
21 cure for this terrible disease; HIV/AIDS is a health concern that
22 affects all Texans, either directly or indirectly, and it is in the
23 best interest of the citizens of this state to recognize the issues
24 associated with HIV/AIDS; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
2 hereby designate March 26, 2003, as ACT Now! Day at the Capitol and
3 extend a warm welcome to members of the AIDS Coalition of Texas Now!