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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The problematic use of alcohol, illicit drugs, and  
2 tobacco places an enormous burden on society, harming health,  
3 family life, the economy, and public safety; and

4           WHEREAS, The total economic costs of alcohol and drug abuse  
5 in Texas are estimated at close to \$26 billion in 2000, equaling  
6 \$1,244 for every man, woman, and child in the state; and

7           WHEREAS, In the past 20 years, medical science has made great  
8 strides in learning about substance use and the nature of  
9 addiction, a chronic neurological disease that involves a number of  
10 brain chemistry disorders; and

11           WHEREAS, A growing body of research continues to demonstrate  
12 that prevention and treatment processes for substance misuse and  
13 addiction are effective and cost-efficient; studies place the rate  
14 of return on substance abuse services at \$5 to \$10 for every dollar  
15 spent; and

16           WHEREAS, Every day, in every part of Texas, men, women, and  
17 youth are entering treatment, finding support groups, and asking  
18 for help to begin the road to recovery from drug and alcohol misuse  
19 and addiction; and

20           WHEREAS, Texas Recovery Day celebrates the tremendous  
21 strides taken by individual families who have found long-term  
22 recovery; those gathered in Austin today are here to demonstrate  
23 that recovery can be a reality with the support of friends, family,  
24 and community; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
2   Legislature hereby recognize April 30, 2003, as Recovery Day at the  
3   State Capitol and encourage all Texans to work together on this and  
4   every day to seek a brighter future for all citizens of this state.