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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, March 25, 2003, is National Diabetes Alert Day, and
2 representatives of the American Diabetes Association are visiting
3 the State Capitol to call attention to issues and initiatives
4 concerning this disease; and

5 WHEREAS, The fifth deadliest disease in the United States,
6 diabetes affects approximately 17 million people and costs
7 Americans more than \$100 billion each year; the disease is most
8 common among senior citizens, as well as persons of Latino, African
9 American, Native American, and Asian American ancestry, and 2,700
10 new cases are diagnosed each day; and

11 WHEREAS, Every 24 hours, 1,200 people in this country die
12 from diabetes or diabetes-related illnesses, while an additional 75
13 people lose their eyesight; each day, 180 amputations are
14 performed as a result of diabetic illnesses and 120 people begin
15 treatment for end-stage kidney disease resulting from diabetes; and

16 WHEREAS, Those suffering from diabetes either produce
17 inferior insulin or lack the ability to produce insulin at all;
18 common symptoms include fatigue, increased hunger, and extreme
19 thirst as well as more severe symptoms such as blurred vision,
20 persistent infections, and unexplained weight loss; and

21 WHEREAS, Diabetes continues to become more prevalent in the
22 lives of Americans, and it is important to recognize the warning
23 signs of this deadly disease and to implement life changes that will
24 decrease the risk of developing diabetes; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
2 Legislature hereby join in the observance of National Diabetes
3 Alert Day and recognize March 25, 2003, as Diabetes Day at the State
4 Capitol.