

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 778

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join citizens across the state and the nation in recognizing May 1, 2003, as the 52nd annual National Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, Civic prayers and national days of prayer have had a long and enduring history in America, dating back to the First Continental Congress in 1775; on March 30, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a National Fast Day; the annual National Day of Prayer was established in 1952 when the United States Congress passed a joint resolution that was signed by President Harry S. Truman; and

WHEREAS, The founders of this nation had a strong belief in God and in the power of prayer, and the National Day of Prayer is an opportunity for citizens to reflect on our history and pay homage to our moral and religious heritage; and

WHEREAS, Mayors in a number of our country's cities have planned special celebrations, and pastors are holding special prayer vigils in churches; citizens of Galena Park will observe the National Day of Prayer and honor servicemen and servicewomen by placing their photographs on a Wall of Honor; the pictures will remain throughout Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Citizens in Galena Park are joining others across the nation in praying for local, state, national, and world leaders; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend the citizens of our state and country for organizing prayer vigils and celebrations on May 1, 2003, and encourage all Texans to observe this year's National Day of Prayer; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as a memento of this special occasion.

Gallegos

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 7, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate