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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Each November, communities across the country  
2 celebrate National Adoption Awareness Month by organizing events to  
3 raise public awareness about children in foster care and to  
4 celebrate families who have adopted children from the foster-care  
5 system; and

6           WHEREAS, In 2004, more than 200 communities across the  
7 country finalized the adoptions of more than 3,300 children on  
8 National Adoption Day; this year's event is being held on November  
9 19, 2005, when many more foster children will be placed in  
10 permanent, loving homes; and

11           WHEREAS, For the past five years, Judge Ellen S. Smith, an  
12 associate judge of the Tarrant County Juvenile Court, has organized  
13 National Adoption Day celebrations in her community; today, the  
14 annual event includes the participation of local law students, who  
15 assist with court proceedings, lawyers, judges, county employees,  
16 and community businesses; and

17           WHEREAS, Families and representatives from the legal and  
18 child-care communities of Tarrant County have been instrumental in  
19 promoting adoption and finding homes for foster-care children, and  
20 their active contributions to Texas youth benefit all residents of  
21 the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas,  
23 2nd Called Session, hereby commend residents of Tarrant County for  
24 their participation in National Adoption Day and extend to them

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1 sincere best wishes for continued success with this noteworthy  
2 event.