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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Civic prayers and national days of prayer have an
2 enduring history in America and date back to 1775, when the First
3 Continental Congress asked the colonies to pray for wisdom in
4 forming a nation; and

5 WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a day of prayer
6 and fasting in 1863; the annual National Day of Prayer was
7 established when President Harry Truman signed a joint resolution
8 by Congress in 1952; the permanent date was set in 1988 by President
9 Ronald Reagan as the first Thursday of May; and

10 WHEREAS, Prayer has remained an integral part of this
11 country's rich history, and the National Day of Prayer is an
12 opportunity for citizens of all faiths to gather and express
13 gratitude for the many blessings and liberties that we have and to
14 pray for this nation, its people, and its leaders; now, therefore,
15 be it

16 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas,
17 3rd Called Session, hereby recognize May 4, 2006, as the National
18 Day of Prayer in Texas; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That all Texans be encouraged to set aside a
20 particular moment on this day to participate in this meaningful
21 spiritual event and to encourage their friends and neighbors to
22 observe this year's National Day of Prayer according to their own
23 faith or practice.