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H.C.R. No. 50

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The safety and well-being of the children of Texas
2 is of concern to all our citizens; and

3 WHEREAS, According to the U.S. Department of Justice, more
4 than 800,000 children are reported missing each year; and

5 WHEREAS, Since 1983, May 25th has been recognized as National
6 Missing Children's Day, and this occasion provides an opportunity
7 to renew efforts to reunite missing children with their families
8 and make child protection a national priority; and

9 WHEREAS, In Texas, the Laura Recovery Center of Friendswood
10 has done much to aid parents of missing children, working to
11 establish emergency preparedness action plans in every community,
12 fostering a Triangle of Trust among family members, citizens, and
13 law enforcement, and improving the response time critical to
14 recovering missing children; and

15 WHEREAS, Named for Laura Kate Smither of Friendswood, who was
16 abducted and killed in 1997, the center also provides education to
17 the public and to citizens faced with a missing child, and it offers
18 tactical support in recovery efforts; and

19 WHEREAS, Children are our state's most precious resource, and
20 those individuals who devote their time and talents to their
21 protection are indeed deserving of our deepest respect and
22 gratitude; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas,
24 3rd Called Session, hereby designate May 25, 2006, as Missing

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1 Children's Day in Texas in memory of Laura Kate Smither and commend
2 the exceptional efforts of the Laura Recovery Center in
3 Friendswood.