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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Like adults, children and adolescents can have  
2 mental health disorders that prevent them from leading happy,  
3 active lives, and the need for comprehensive, coordinated mental  
4 health services places a critical responsibility on our  
5 communities; and

6           WHEREAS, Studies show that one in five children in the United  
7 States will need mental health care services during his or her  
8 lifetime and that among adolescents the rate of clinical depression  
9 may be as high as one in eight; in Texas alone, it has been estimated  
10 that more than 100,000 young people who are in need of mental health  
11 assistance have not yet received proper attention or treatment; and

12           WHEREAS, It is appropriate that a day be set apart to focus on  
13 our children's mental health and well-being and to help raise  
14 awareness of the mental health issues facing young Texans; and

15           WHEREAS, To that end, the Children's Partnership, which is a  
16 broad-based coalition representing families, community  
17 organizations, state and federal agencies, and mental health care  
18 providers in Central Texas, has joined with other area groups and  
19 individuals in the Child and Youth Mental Health Planning  
20 Partnership to sponsor an event designed to help raise awareness of  
21 the mental health needs of children, youth, and families in our  
22 communities; now, therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
24 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby recognize May 8, 2006, as

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1 Texas Children's Mental Health Awareness Day in Central Texas,  
2 encourage all area residents to learn more about the importance of  
3 protecting and nurturing the mental health of our young people, and  
4 urge all caregivers of children with mental health issues to seek  
5 early and appropriate treatment.