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H.R. No. 233

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and the  
2 citizens of Texas are committed to helping to end the cycle of abuse  
3 and neglect that affects many of our nation's youth; and

4           WHEREAS, Child maltreatment occurs when people find  
5 themselves in stressful situations, without community resources,  
6 and cannot cope; the resulting abuse and neglect not only harms  
7 children directly, but also increases the likelihood of long-term  
8 physical and mental health problems, alcohol and substance abuse,  
9 continued family violence, and criminal behavior; and

10          WHEREAS, Because the majority of child abuse cases stem from  
11 situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and  
12 supportive community, the hurtful treatment of children can be  
13 reduced by making sure that each family has the support it needs in  
14 order to raise its children in a safe, nurturing environment; and

15          WHEREAS, Addressing child abuse and neglect is an undertaking  
16 that requires the involvement of people throughout the community;  
17 effective child abuse programs succeed because of partnerships  
18 created among social service agencies, schools, faith communities,  
19 civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business  
20 community; and

21          WHEREAS, By recognizing that each of us has an important role  
22 to play in the prevention of child abuse and neglect, we can make  
23 many contributions toward securing for the children of Texas the  
24 care and respect that they deserve; children represent the future

1 of this state, and it is the responsibility of our society to ensure  
2 an environment in which they can grow and thrive; now, therefore, be  
3 it

4           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
5 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby recognize April 2006 as  
6 Child Abuse Prevention Month and encourage its observance by  
7 citizens throughout the Lone Star State.