

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 132

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join citizens of the Greater Channel Area and across the nation in recognizing Thursday, May 4, 2006, as this year's National Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, On May 4, Americans across the country will gather in their communities to pray on behalf of our nation and its leaders, and citizens in the Greater Channel Area will come together for the 16th year on the steps of the Galena Park City Hall to observe this special day; and

WHEREAS, Civic prayers and national days of prayer have had a long and enduring history in America, dating back to the First Continental Congress in 1775; on March 30, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a National Fast Day; in 1952, the annual National Day of Prayer was established when Congress passed a joint resolution that was signed by President Harry Truman; and

WHEREAS, The founders of our nation had a strong belief in God and in the power of prayer, and the National Day of Prayer is an opportunity for citizens to reflect on our history and pay homage to our moral and religious heritage; and

WHEREAS, Mayors in a number of our country's cities have planned special celebrations, and pastors will be holding special prayer vigils in churches; the citizens of the Greater Channel Area will gather in Galena Park at high noon and will celebrate the day with the theme of "America, Honor God"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend the citizens of our country for organizing prayer vigils and celebrations on May 4 and encourage all Texans to observe this year's National Day of Prayer; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this occasion.

Gallegos

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 4, 2006.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate