

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and  
2 Texans stand ready to join with their fellow Americans in the  
3 prevention of child abuse and neglect; and

4           WHEREAS, The increasing number of child deaths in Texas due  
5 to abuse and neglect has caused the 79th Legislature to take  
6 emergency action to protect the children of our state; and

7           WHEREAS, More than three million cases of child abuse and  
8 neglect were reported in the United States last year, and  
9 approximately 2,000 children died as a result of such maltreatment;  
10 and

11           WHEREAS, At least 150 Texas children died as a result of abuse  
12 or neglect last year, and more than 47,000 children were confirmed  
13 as victims of abuse or neglect; and

14           WHEREAS, The legislature recognizes that child abuse and  
15 neglect frequently start a cycle of violence that perpetuates  
16 itself through generations of families and that preventing or  
17 interrupting this violent cycle at the earliest opportunity is not  
18 only our moral duty but also a public policy choice that improves  
19 the health, safety, and productivity of our society as a whole; and

20           WHEREAS, We acknowledge that the future of our state depends  
21 on the children we raise and the opportunities we create for them;  
22 and

23           WHEREAS, We recognize that strengthening our communities and  
24 families is essential to raising children to be adults who are

1 strong in mind, body, and spirit; and

2 WHEREAS, We believe that it is possible to fight child abuse  
3 and neglect with prevention programs that draw on the vitality,  
4 ingenuity, and diversity that have always characterized the history  
5 and traditions of our great state; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas  
7 hereby declare April Child Abuse Prevention Month in Texas and call  
8 on all citizens to work together to create a Texas where all  
9 children are protected and cherished as the future of our state.

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Allen of Harris	Giddings	Merritt
Allen of Dallas	Gonzales	Miller
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Anchia	Goodman	Moreno of El Paso
Anderson	Goolsby	Morrison
Bailey	Griggs	Mowery
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Berman	Guillen	Nixon
Blake	Haggerty	Noriega
Bohac	Hamilton	Oliveira
Bonnen	Hamric	Olivo
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Brown of Kaufman	Harper-Brown	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Hartnett	Paxton
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Callegari	Herrero	Phillips
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Casteel	Hill	Pitts
Castro	Hochberg	Puente
Chavez	Hodge	Quintanilla
Chisum	Homer	Raymond
Coleman	Hope	Reyna
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Riddle
Cook of Colorado	Howard	Ritter
Corte	Hughes	Rodriguez
Crabb	Hunter	Rose
Crownover	Hupp	Seaman
Davis of Harris	Isett	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	Jackson	Smith of Harris
Dawson	Jones of Lubbock	Smithee
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Deshotel	Keffer of Dallas	Strama
Driver	Keffer of Eastland	Straus
Dukes	King of Parker	Swinford
Dunnam	King of Zavala	Talton
Dutton	Kolkhorst	Taylor
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Farabee	Luna	Veasey
Farrar	Madden	Villarreal
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Flynn	Martinez Fischer	West
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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor