

By: Uresti

H.C.R. No. 10

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.