

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, January 2005 has been designated as the second
2 National Stalking Awareness Month in the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, The National Center for Victims of Crime initiated
4 this observance after the death of Peggy Klinke in January 2003; Ms.
5 Klinke was murdered by a former boyfriend after repeatedly seeking
6 law enforcement intervention and moving to another state in search
7 of safety; and

8 WHEREAS, Her tragic story is far from rare; in this country,
9 more than a million women and nearly 400,000 men are stalked
10 annually; 1 in 12 women and 1 in 45 men will be stalked in their
11 lifetime, and the majority of victims are stalked by someone they
12 know; and

13 WHEREAS, Of those women who have been killed by an intimate
14 partner, 76 percent were stalked by that partner in the year before
15 their death, and 81 percent of those women who are stalked by a
16 current or former intimate partner are at some point physically
17 assaulted by that individual; and

18 WHEREAS, Victims of stalking experience anxiety, insomnia,
19 social dysfunction, lost work hours and productivity, and severe
20 depression at a much higher rate than the general population; they
21 are also forced to take such drastic measures to protect themselves
22 as obtaining court orders, changing jobs, changing their
23 identities, and relocating; and

24 WHEREAS, Stalking is a crime under federal law and under the

1 laws of all 50 states and the District of Columbia; national
2 organizations, local victim services, prosecutors' offices, and
3 police departments are working to further develop effective
4 responses to this terrifying crime, which cuts across race,
5 culture, gender, age, and economic status; and

6 WHEREAS, It is vital that the public understand the
7 seriousness of this offense, as well as be aware of the resources
8 that are available to those who have been targeted by a stalker;
9 moreover, measures to enhance the response of the criminal justice
10 system to stalking and stalking victims are to be strongly
11 encouraged; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
13 hereby recognize January 2005 as National Stalking Awareness Month
14 and commend all those who are working to combat this intolerable
15 aggression.

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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
Baxter	Grusendorf	Naishtat
Berman	Guillen	Nixon
Blake	Haggerty	Noriega
Bohac	Hamilton	Oliveira
Bonnen	Hamric	Olivo
Branch	Hardcastle	Orr
Brown of Kaufman	Harper-Brown	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Hartnett	Paxton
Burnam	Hegar	Pena
Callegari	Herrero	Phillips
Campbell	Hilderbran	Pickett
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
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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	Swinford
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Dunnam	King of Zavala	Taylor
Dutton	Kolkhorst	Thompson
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Escobar	Leibowitz	Veasey
Farabee	Luna	Villarreal
Farrar	Madden	Vo
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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor