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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The week of February 27 through March 5, 2005, is  
2 National Eating Disorders Awareness Week, the nation's largest  
3 eating disorders outreach effort; and

4           WHEREAS, The goal of this event, held annually since 1987, is  
5 to encourage health care providers, educators, students, social  
6 workers, and others to promote a healthy body image by sharing  
7 information and organizing events in their communities; this year's  
8 campaign is titled, "Get Real: Unmask the Problem," in an effort to  
9 attract public and media attention to the seriousness of eating  
10 disorders and to reduce the stigma associated with these illnesses;  
11 and

12           WHEREAS, Across the country, 10 million women and one million  
13 men are battling illnesses such as anorexia, bulimia, and binge  
14 eating disorder; in Texas alone, an estimated 39,000 women between  
15 the ages of 15 and 49 struggle with an eating disorder; since these  
16 illnesses have the highest mortality rate of any psychiatric  
17 condition, it is essential to raise awareness and educate the  
18 public about their potentially devastating effects; and

19           WHEREAS, The National Eating Disorders Association is the  
20 country's largest nonprofit organization working to prevent eating  
21 disorders through education, advocacy, and research and provide  
22 treatment referrals to patients and support for affected families;  
23 and

24           WHEREAS, It is fitting that Texans join with citizens

1 throughout the country to express their support for eradicating  
2 these diseases and increasing public awareness about eating  
3 disorders; now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas  
5 hereby recognize February 27 through March 5, 2005, as National  
6 Eating Disorders Awareness Week and commend all those who are  
7 working to educate the public about these life-threatening  
8 illnesses.