## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, March 6-12, 2005, is Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS, and this notable endeavor, which is sponsored by the Black Church Outreach Project (BCOP) of the Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department, helps promote HIV/AIDS education and awareness; and

WHEREAS, The largest AIDS awareness program targeting the African American community, Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS reaches an estimated 2.5 million church members nationwide, enabling BCOP to better achieve its goals of informing, educating, and empowering the community with respect to HIV/AIDS health issues; and

WHEREAS, Highlighting this weeklong effort to raise awareness in Austin is a citywide observance taking place on the evening of March 10, 2005, at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, This important initiative draws on the vital support of a number of community partners and collaborators, including Healthy Connections Mobile Health Van, AIDS Services of Austin, Interfaith Care Alliance, LifeWorks, The Wright House Wellness Center, and many additional agencies and organizations; and

WHEREAS, Citizens rely on the critical contributions made by these and other health services providers, and the Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS continues to have a positive impact on the lives of many Texans; now, therefore, be it
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RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas Legislature hereby recognize March 6-12, 2005, as Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS and commend the many individuals who have contributed to this significant event.

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## Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 673 was adopted by the House on March 10, 2005, by a non-record vote.

