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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, AIDS remains a major global health problem, yet 2 thanks to the availability of improved treatments and the efforts 3 of organizations such as the Texas AIDS Advocacy Coalition (TAAC), 4 more Texans than ever before are living and working with HIV/AIDS; 5 and

6 WHEREAS, A statewide volunteer coalition of individuals who 7 either have HIV/AIDS or know someone affected by HIV/AIDS, TAAC 8 seeks to empower individuals infected or affected by HIV/AIDS by 9 serving as a unified voice in matters related to legislation, 10 appropriations, education, prevention, treatment, and service 11 delivery on the local, state, and national levels; and

12 WHEREAS, Members of TAAC have dedicated themselves to 13 disseminating messages that promote early testing and early 14 treatment, while at the same time improving access to appropriate 15 prevention services and health care options; the coalition also 16 encourages the reduction of behavior that has a high risk of leading 17 to contraction of the disease; and

18 WHEREAS, Despite the dramatic decline of AIDS-related deaths 19 and an overall decrease in the number of new AIDS cases diagnosed, 20 there remains much to be done in the battle to find a cure for this 21 terrible disease; HIV/AIDS is a health concern that affects all 22 Texans, either directly or indirectly, and it is in the best 23 interest of the citizens of this state to recognize the issues 24 associated with HIV/AIDS; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
Legislature hereby recognize March 23, 2005, as Texas AIDS Advocacy
Coalition Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to
members of TAAC who are visiting here today.

Coleman

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 836 was adopted by the House on March 23, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House