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R E S O L U T I O N

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