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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to
 recognize the Abstinence Council of Texas; and

3 WHEREAS, Founded by abstinence leaders from around the state, 4 the Abstinence Council of Texas was created to provide a unified 5 source of information and networking opportunities for those 6 interested in abstinence education; and

WHEREAS, The goal of this organization is to reduce
nonmarital pregnancies, adolescent participation in high-risk
behaviors, and the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases; and

10 WHEREAS, The State of Texas requires that any course material 11 related to human sexuality direct adolescents to abstinence as the 12 most effective means of preventing unwanted pregnancy and sexually 13 transmitted diseases; and

WHEREAS, According to the National Center for Health Statistics and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, abstinence education has been a leading factor in the decline in teen sexual activity and teen pregnancies over the last decade; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas 20 Legislature hereby recognize April 27, 2005, as Abstinence 21 Awareness Day and welcome the members of the Abstinence Council of 22 Texas to the Capitol for this occasion; and, be it further

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H.R. No. 1297 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for the council as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1297 was adopted by the House on April 27, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House