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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The National Day of Prayer is an annual event  
2 involving millions of people across the United States of different  
3 cultures, religions, and backgrounds who unite in prayer; and

4 WHEREAS, This tradition has roots deep in the history of our  
5 country, when the founding fathers, as part of the Continental  
6 Congress, issued a proclamation encouraging residents of the  
7 colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a nation; in 1952, Congress  
8 officially declared an annual national day of prayer, and in 1988,  
9 President Reagan signed an amendment designating the first Thursday  
10 of May as National Prayer Day; and

11 WHEREAS, In the past, an estimated two million people have  
12 attended more than 40,000 observances organized around the country  
13 in honor of this special day; under the leadership of chair Shirley  
14 Dobson, this year's event embraces the theme of "God Shed His Grace  
15 on Thee," inspired by Hebrews 4:16; and

16 WHEREAS, The National Day of Prayer encourages all Texans to  
17 take a moment in the course of their busy, fruitful lives, to join  
18 with other Americans in an affirmation of our course as one nation  
19 under God and an expression of gratitude for the many freedoms that  
20 we enjoy; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
22 Legislature hereby recognize May 5, 2005, as the National Day of  
23 Prayer and extend to all participants sincere best wishes for a  
24 reverent and prayerful observance.