

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas is pleased to  
3 join the citizens of Amarillo and Texans across the Panhandle in  
4 recognizing May 5, 2005, as the 54th annual National Day of Prayer;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The theme for this year's National Day of Prayer is  
7 "God Shed His Grace on Thee"; in the Amarillo area, observance will  
8 begin with a prayer breakfast at Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic  
9 Church at 6:30 a.m.; and

10 WHEREAS, An hour of praise music begins at 11:00 a.m. on the  
11 lawn of the Civic Center and will be followed by a prayer program at  
12 noon that will be attended by representatives from area churches  
13 and government; at 6:30 p.m., young people will gather in John Stiff  
14 Park to listen to local bands and to pray for law enforcement  
15 personnel and firemen and pay tribute to their work; and

16 WHEREAS, Civic prayers and national days of prayer have had a  
17 long and enduring history in America and date back to 1775 when the  
18 First Continental Congress asked the colonies to pray for wisdom in  
19 forming a nation; and

20 WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a day of  
21 "humiliation, fasting, and prayer" in 1863; the annual National Day  
22 of Prayer was established when President Harry Truman signed a  
23 joint resolution by Congress in 1952; the permanent date was set in  
24 1988 by President Ronald Reagan as the first Thursday of May; and

1           WHEREAS, Prayer has remained an integral part of this  
2 country's rich history, and the National Day of Prayer is an  
3 opportunity for citizens of all faiths to gather and express  
4 gratitude for the many blessings and liberties we have and to pray  
5 for this nation, its people, and its leaders; now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas  
7 hereby commend the people of Amarillo and across the Texas  
8 Panhandle for organizing prayer vigils and celebrations on May 5  
9 and encourage all citizens in Texas to observe this year's National  
10 Day of Prayer; and, be it further

11           RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared in honor  
12 of this special day.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 31 was adopted by the Senate on April 22, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 31 was adopted by the House on April 25, 2005.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor