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S.C.R. No. 31

1 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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.