

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 432

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas welcomes representatives of the Texas AIDS Advocacy Coalition who have come to the State Capitol today and recognize March 23, 2005, as Texas AIDS Advocacy Coalition Day; and

WHEREAS, AIDS remains a major global health problem, yet because of the availability of improved treatments and the efforts of organizations such as the Texas AIDS Advocacy Coalition, more Texans than ever before are living and working with HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, A statewide volunteer coalition of individuals who either have HIV/AIDS or know someone affected by HIV/AIDS, the Texas AIDS Advocacy Coalition seeks to empower individuals infected or affected by HIV/AIDS by serving as a unified voice in matters related to legislation, appropriations, education, prevention, treatment, and service delivery on the local, state, and national levels; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Texas AIDS Advocacy Coalition have dedicated themselves to disseminating messages that promote early testing and early treatment and improving access to appropriate prevention services and health care options; the coalition also encourages the reduction of behavior that has a high risk of leading to contracting the disease; and

WHEREAS, Despite the dramatic decline of AIDS-related deaths and an overall decrease in the number of new AIDS cases diagnosed, much remains to be done in the battle to find a cure for this terrible disease; HIV/AIDS is a health concern that affects all Texans, either directly or indirectly, and it is in the best interest of the citizens of this state to recognize the issues associated with HIV/AIDS; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby designate March 23, 2005, as Texas AIDS Advocacy Coalition Day at the Capitol and extend a warm welcome to members of the coalition; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 23, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate