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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Department of State Health Services and
2 the Center for Safe Communities & Schools are sponsoring Texas
3 Tobacco-Free Kids Day on March 28, 2007; and

4 WHEREAS, Tobacco use is a tremendous burden to the state,
5 contributing to the premature death of some 24,000 Texans each
6 year; in addition, secondhand smoke is cause for great concern, as
7 it increases the risk for lung cancer and coronary heart disease in
8 nonsmoking adults and endangers the health of children; and

9 WHEREAS, The tobacco industry spends more than \$15 billion a
10 year on marketing and advertising, much of it aimed toward young
11 people, and almost 90 percent of adults who smoke began using
12 tobacco before the age of 18; and

13 WHEREAS, Taking place in schools throughout the state, Texas
14 Tobacco-Free Kids Day is an effort to encourage students of all ages
15 to lead tobacco-free lives; held in conjunction with the 12th
16 annual "Kick Butts" Day, this event serves as an annual celebration
17 of youth leadership and activism in tobacco prevention efforts;
18 now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
20 Legislature hereby recognize March 28, 2007, as Texas Tobacco-Free
21 Kids Day and commend all those involved in the effort to promote a
22 healthy future for young Texans.