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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Civic prayers and national days of prayer have an  
2 enduring history in America and date back to 1775, when the First  
3 Continental Congress asked the colonies to pray for wisdom in  
4 forming a nation; and

5           WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a day of prayer  
6 and fasting in 1863; the annual National Day of Prayer was  
7 established when President Harry Truman signed a joint resolution  
8 by congress in 1952; the permanent date was set in 1988 by President  
9 Ronald Reagan as the first Thursday of May; and

10           WHEREAS, Prayer has remained an integral part of this  
11 country's rich history, and the National Day of Prayer is an  
12 opportunity for citizens of all faiths to gather and express  
13 gratitude for the many blessings and liberties that we have and to  
14 pray for this nation, its people, and its leaders; now, therefore,  
15 be it

16           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
17 Legislature hereby recognize May 3, 2007, as the National Day of  
18 Prayer in Texas; and, be it further

19           RESOLVED, That all Texans be encouraged to set aside a  
20 particular moment on this day to participate in this meaningful  
21 spiritual event and to encourage their friends and neighbors to  
22 observe this year's National Day of Prayer according to their own  
23 faith or practice.