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S.B. No. 640

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to creating a recognition day to celebrate adoption,
3 adoptive families, and adoption workers in Texas.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 662, Government Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 662.053 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 662.053. TEXAS ADOPTION DAY. (a) The Saturday
8 before Thanksgiving Day of each year is Texas Adoption Day to
9 celebrate and encourage adoption, adoptive families, and adoption
10 workers in Texas.

11 (b) Texas Adoption Day shall be regularly observed by
12 appropriate ceremonies and activities that encourage participation
13 in and raise awareness about the adoption process and that honor
14 adoptive families and adoption workers in Texas.

15 (c) The Department of Family and Protective Services shall
16 create a statewide awareness campaign to promote Texas Adoption Day
17 and shall coordinate ceremonies and activities held throughout the
18 state.

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.