

1-1 By: West S.B. No. 640
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 14, 2007; February 28, 2007,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Government
1-4 Organization; March 14, 2007, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0;
1-6 March 14, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 640 By: Whitmire

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to creating a recognition day to celebrate adoption,
1-11 adoptive families, and adoption workers in Texas.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 662, Government Code, is
1-14 amended by adding Section 662.053 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 662.053. TEXAS ADOPTION DAY. (a) The Saturday
1-16 before Thanksgiving Day of each year is Texas Adoption Day to
1-17 celebrate and encourage adoption, adoptive families, and adoption
1-18 workers in Texas.

1-19 (b) Texas Adoption Day shall be regularly observed by
1-20 appropriate ceremonies and activities that encourage participation
1-21 in and raise awareness about the adoption process and that honor
1-22 adoptive families and adoption workers in Texas.

1-23 (c) The Department of Family and Protective Services shall
1-24 create a statewide awareness campaign to promote Texas Adoption Day
1-25 and shall coordinate ceremonies and activities held throughout the
1-26 state.

1-27 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-28 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-29 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-30 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-31 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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