

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, HIV/AIDS constitutes a global health crisis: more
2 than 30 million people around the world are currently infected, and
3 no cure for the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), which causes
4 AIDS, has yet been developed; and

5 WHEREAS, In Texas, over 60,000 individuals are presently
6 living with HIV/AIDS, and more than 5,000 cases of HIV are diagnosed
7 each year; AIDS-related deaths in the state number approximately
8 1,000 annually; and

9 WHEREAS, Early testing is critical to preventing further
10 spread of the disease and also to getting medication that can slow
11 its progress, and many people are tested too late; one in three
12 Texans who are newly diagnosed with HIV has already developed AIDS;
13 late testing is especially common among older Texans; senior
14 citizens with HIV/AIDS face a double stigma: ageism and infection
15 with a sexually or IV-drug transmitted disease; and

16 WHEREAS, HIV/AIDS continues to pose a critical threat to
17 public health in the Lone Star State, and it is essential that
18 Texans be able to meet this challenge through adequate awareness
19 and understanding; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
21 Legislature hereby recognize February 11, 2009, as HIV/AIDS
22 Awareness Day in the State of Texas and that citizens throughout the
23 state be encouraged to educate themselves about the nature,
24 prevention, and treatment of HIV/AIDS.

Giddings

H.R. No. 410

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 410 was adopted by the House on
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Chief Clerk of the House