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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day took place on
2 February 7, 2009; and

3 WHEREAS, This year's event marked the ninth observance of
4 this nationwide effort to mobilize African Americans in regard to
5 the HIV/AIDS crisis; its goal was to encourage individuals to get
6 educated, get tested, get involved in their local community, and,
7 when necessary, get treated for this deadly disease; and

8 WHEREAS, National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day was organized
9 by a coalition of national advocacy organizations in partnership
10 with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; the
11 coalition's goal was to mobilize communities and to address
12 specific issues in regard to local epidemics and best practices in
13 order to influence the course of HIV among the nation's black
14 population; and

15 WHEREAS, Creating greater awareness about HIV/AIDS is an
16 important priority in minority communities; approximately half of
17 all Americans diagnosed with HIV/AIDS are of African descent, and
18 it is a leading cause of death for black women aged 25 to 34 and
19 black men aged 35 to 44; and

20 WHEREAS, National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day was a notable
21 event that represents an important step in the ongoing effort to
22 lessen the impact of the disease in Texas and throughout the United
23 States; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas

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1 Legislature commend all those who participated in National Black
2 HIV/AIDS Awareness Day on February 7, 2009.