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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 58th annual National Day of Prayer is taking
2 place on May 7, 2009; and

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

7 WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a day of prayer
8 and fasting in 1863; the annual National Day of Prayer was
9 established when President Harry Truman signed a joint resolution
10 by Congress in 1952; the permanent date was set in 1988 by President
11 Ronald Reagan, who chose the first Thursday in May for the
12 observance; and

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

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
20 Legislature hereby recognize May 7, 2009, as the National Day of
21 Prayer in Texas; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That all Texans be encouraged to set aside a
23 particular moment on this day to participate in this meaningful
24 spiritual event and to encourage their friends and neighbors to

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1 observe this year's National Day of Prayer according to their own
2 faith or practice.