R E S O L U T I O N

1   WHEREAS, In conjunction with National Children's Mental
2   Health Awareness Week, mental health professionals and others are
3   gathering at the Capitol on May 5, 2009, to promote positive mental
4   health, well-being, and social development for all children and
5   youth; and

6   WHEREAS, The National Federation of Families for Children's
7   Mental Health is encouraging people to wear green ribbons
8   throughout the week to raise awareness of mental health needs among
9   young people; and

10 WHEREAS, Mental health disorders are more common in children
11 and adolescents than many realize, with studies showing that at
12 least one in five have a mental health disorder and at least one in
13 10 have a serious emotional disturbance; the range of diagnosable
14 emotional, behavioral, and mental disorders includes depression,
15 attention deficit disorder, and anxiety, conduct, and eating
16 disorders; and

17 WHEREAS, Children and adolescents with mental health issues
18 need to get help as soon as possible; when left untreated, mental
19 health issues can lead to school failure, family conflicts, drug
20 abuse, violence, and even suicide; appropriate treatment may
21 include counseling, medical care, residential care, day treatment,
22 education services, rights protection, transportation, or case
23 management; and

24 WHEREAS, Mental health disorders in children are real and

1 painful, but with the help of families and communities working

2 together, children with mental health needs can thrive; now,

3 therefore, be it

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

5 Legislature hereby recognize May 5, 2009, as Children's Mental

6 Health Awareness Day and encourage all Texans to learn more about

7 the mental health needs of children and youth.

Howard of Travis

H.R. No. 1243

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1243 was adopted by the House on May 5, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House