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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Texas has one of the highest rates of birth to
2 teenagers in the nation and the highest rate of repeat births to
3 teenagers; and

4 WHEREAS, A teenager gets pregnant every 10 minutes in Texas,
5 and 14 percent of all births in the state are to teenage mothers;
6 from 1991 through 2004, there were 745,000 births to Texas teens,
7 costing taxpayers some \$15.1 billion; and

8 WHEREAS, While nationally the teen birthrate declined 34
9 percent between 1991 and 2005, it rose by 5 percent between 2005 and
10 2007; and

11 WHEREAS, Teenage pregnancy and birth profoundly affect both
12 mother and child; because teen mothers are less likely to receive
13 prenatal care, they are more likely to deliver infants with low
14 birth weight; these infants are subsequently at greater risk for a
15 variety of diseases and disabilities; teenage mothers, on the other
16 hand, are especially vulnerable to dropping out of school, living
17 in poverty, and requiring public assistance; and

18 WHEREAS, Thousands of teens across the country are
19 participating in the eighth annual National Day to Prevent Teen
20 Pregnancy, the purpose of which is to focus the attention of teens
21 on the importance of avoiding pregnancy and parenthood at too early
22 an age; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
24 Legislature hereby recognize May 6, 2009, as the National Day to

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1 Prevent Teen Pregnancy and encourage all Texas teenagers to learn
2 more about preventing pregnancy.