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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Consuelo Mendez Middle School in the Austin  
2 Independent School District is hosting Dove Springs Community  
3 Family Health Day on March 31, 2011; and

4           WHEREAS, The Dove Springs community in southeast Austin is a  
5 dense and heavily populated working class neighborhood that is  
6 seeing a resurgence after a period in which gang violence was a  
7 problem; Family Health Day is being held to encourage participants  
8 to learn more about available resources that promote the health,  
9 education, and well-being of area children and their families; and

10           WHEREAS, The Mendez Community/School Alliance, under the  
11 leadership of The Austin Project, is bringing together a number of  
12 important community groups to host this exciting event; The Austin  
13 Project, a local nonprofit organization that identifies needs and  
14 gaps in services and works to strengthen families, improve  
15 education, and promote early literacy, developed the Family  
16 Resource Center at Consuelo Mendez Middle School to provide  
17 assistance to families who need to obtain affordable housing,  
18 health insurance, emergency health care, employment, legal aid, and  
19 adult education and to facilitate parent involvement in the school  
20 and community; and

21           WHEREAS, Among other groups participating in Family Health  
22 Day are Communities in Schools of Central Texas, which focuses on  
23 keeping children in school until they graduate, the Coordinated  
24 Approach To Child Health Program, which promotes healthy behavioral

1 changes, and the 78744 Community Youth Development Program, which  
2 emphasizes youth leadership and crime prevention; and

3 WHEREAS, Additional participants in the event are the Veritas  
4 Educational Foundation, a faith-based nonprofit, and the River City  
5 Youth Foundation, which seeks to mobilize the community against  
6 street crime by addressing such issues as substance abuse and  
7 community development; moreover, the Community Health Initiative  
8 Unit of the Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services  
9 Department and the Austin ISD Parent Support Office will take part  
10 in the day's activities; and

11 WHEREAS, Children are the Lone Star State's most precious  
12 resource, and by working to ensure the well-being of all young  
13 people in the community, these worthy organizations are helping to  
14 bring about a brighter future for Austin and all of Texas; now,  
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
17 Legislature hereby recognize March 31, 2011, as Dove Springs  
18 Community Family Health Day at Consuelo Mendez Middle School and  
19 extend to all participants sincere best wishes for an informative  
20 and successful event; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
22 prepared for the Mendez Community/School Alliance as an expression  
23 of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.